

community in this time of sore trial. For within six months he has been bereaved of his worthy brother ALEXANDER, his excellent daughter Mrs. J. F. McDONALD, and now his beloved NORTON. Yet they are not lost, but gone before; for "these all died in faith." "They rest from their labors, and their works now follow them."

The following lines by a valued friend will be cherished by many sorrowing hearts:—

ELEGY FOR MR. B. H. NORTON FRASER,

Who died at Pictou, April 19, 1887, aged 21.

GRIEVE not, my father dear,
Life's work is done;
Earth's charms are over now,
Heaven's joys begun!
Rest from your anxious cares,
JESUS my burden bears,
He guards me from all fears;
He leads me on!

Guide of my childhood's hours!
Mother my own!
Your love with growing years
More strong has grown.
Your change with patience wait;
And when, through trials great,
You reach the pearly gate,
You'll meet your son!

Cease, brothers, sorrowing;
Wipe off the tear;
My SAVIOUR following,
I have no fear.
He gave His love to me;
Asked me to faithful be;
Now, by His grace, I see
My welcome near.

Sing softly, sisters, sing;
God's love inspires!
There, Angel voices join
Seraphic lyres:
Oh, what a glorious throng!
Praise is their endless song!
Our home shall be among
Those blessed choirs!

Farewell, beloved friends!
Earth's task is o'er;
No more my face you'll see
On Time's lone shore!
But, in the "By-and-by,"
All in the Lord who die
Meet, far above the sky,
And part no more!

Halifax, April 22, 1887.

W. G. PENDER.

REV. MR. BRODIE made a kindly visit to his old friends on his way from Cape Breton to Scotland. We regret its brevity, but trust the land will be blessed and happy; for he has certainly taken his father's death and his aged mother's lingering illness deeply to his heart.

HOPEWELL.—The Rev. C. B. Roes, B. D., of Lancaster, Ont., won many friends during his visit to our land. In the Masonic Hall

his sketch of his travels in Europe won so cordial a vote of thanks, that the *encore* drew from him a charming sketch of his American travels. We hope he may be persuaded to continue among us, though his native land calls for him.

Mrs. McKINNON, F. C. Manse, Nigg, Scotland, has presented Dr. MacDonald, of Hope-well, with eight volumes of "Illustrated Daily Bible Readings," by John Kitto, D.D., F.S.A. Each volume is beautifully illustrated, and contains 450 pages, handsomely bound. On one of the volumes is written, "Margaret McKinnon, F. C. Manse, Nigg, Scotland, 1887. To Dr. McDonald, in grateful remembrance of days gone by."

INTERCOLONIAL.—The twenty-four hour system, now in successful operation on the C. P. R., is to be adopted on the Intercolonial when the summer time table is brought into effect. Under this system the letters A. M. and P. M. are not required, as the hours are numbered from 1 to 24 in regular succession, commencing and ending at midnight. No change is made in the hours from midnight to noon, which are numbered 1 to 12 as at present, but the hours from noon to midnight are numbered 13 to 24.

QUEBEC.—The Catholics here brought before the Quebec Legislature a bill to authorize the setting up of crucifixes in all court houses and places where oaths are administered, and directing that oaths shall be taken with the uplifted hand in presence of the crucifix. The Bible is to be excluded from all courts of law—the Crucifix to take its place. Protestants opposed the project, and it is dropped.

MONTREAL.—Sir George Stephen and Sir Donald Smith, Montreal, have given \$1,000,000 toward the erection of a Royal Victoria Jubilee hospital for that city.

LOCHIEL, ONT.—By the death of Norman R. McLeod, Lochiel congregation has lost a worthy Elder. Mr. McLeod was of a gentle and peaceable disposition. He took ill on Saturday and died the following afternoon. His funeral was largely attended.

MILTON, ONT.—Rev. Robert Dobie, whose health, we regret to say, has been failing for some time past, has handed in his resignation of the pastorate of St. Andrew's, Milton, Ont. At a meeting of the congregation Mr. Dobie's resignation was accepted, and he was voted a retiring allowance of the amount of two years' salary. Peace be with the loyal veteran!

THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE of the Church of Scotland has sent the sum of \$150 to be ap-