

Dr. McCulloch, who lived before his time, and saw into the future, sacrificed himself for the enlargement of our Zion. The generation that came after him are working out the principles which he propounded, but could not persuade the church of his time to adopt. He maintained it to be the duty of the church to educate her own ministers, and provide for the perpetuation of divine ordinances for succeeding generations. He insisted that she was even then able, by harmonious cooperation among her members, to furnish all the necessary means. In the exercise of his own versatile talents; and by his own multitudinous labours, he showed what might be done when men are in earnest, and consecrate all their powers to a lofty enterprise, in dependence upon the directing and sustaining agency of God.

He was supported especially by the labor and prayers of his brethren McGregor and Ross who bore with him the heat and burden of the day, who taught the power of numbers to achieve great things, even when individual sacrifices were small. In their ladies-penny-a-week-societies and monthly collections for religious purposes, they taught the doctrines of systematic beneficence, and laid the foundation of the various organizations which now so materially aid in carrying forward the grand schemes of the church, and which when fully developed and universally adopted promise to accomplish such glorious things.

To the labours of these fathers and their coadjutors, is the church indebted for a large portion of her present pastors and missionaries, and for the educational machinery which not only provides for the present but promises so much for the future. In their educational enterprises these fathers were confident that they had the countenance of Zion's King. Dr. McGregor was accustomed to remark, in the midst of their struggles in support of the Pictou Academy, that even should he see the edifice in ashes, and their hopes for the time prostrate in the dust, he was confident that Phoenix-like it would rise from the dead, and accomplish the work whereto it had been sent. With all his faith however, it is questionable if ever he anticipated that we should so soon have a Di-

vinity Hall with one benefited Professor, and two such efficient associates; or that from our own schools of the prophets we should so early have sent seven well equipped missionaries to the Isles of the South. Much less could he have imagined that we should have a translation of the New Testament in a language which our own agents abroad were mainly instrumental in first systematizing and committing to writing, and then making the vehicle of conveying, in their own tongue, to a newly elevated people, the wonderful works of God. To the instrumentality of these fathers is it mainly owing, that our church is rendered independent of foreign agency in carrying on the Master's work; and that in some of the highest places—hearing some of the highest honours—are home trained agents employed.

By evangelists, on whom their mantles have fallen, the remotest portions of these Provinces have been visited, and congregations have been gathered which are now enjoying constant pastoral oversight where, in their day, the forests were unbroken and the red men and wild beasts roamed.

Owing to their enterprise and forecast, there are labourers now in the service of the church, occupying high places—planting and watering desolate wastes—cherishing new organizations—and breaking up fallow ground—second to none in intellectual vigor, educational attainments, moral character and influence, and christian zeal and devotedness. Surely then the Clergy have done and are doing their share of their Master's work.

True, all that they have achieved has not been accomplished by their own unaided efforts. Their people drank of their spirit, and came to their help. By them the people were taught to know their duty, to acknowledge their privileges, and to realize the power of combination among the many, and co-operation among the weak. Their plans need only to be carried fully out, to accomplish under God the work committed to their care. They have ceased from their labors. Others have entered into their labours; and the work widens and deepens as years roll on. *It widens. It spreads not*