

last, and his hope firm to the end, not even a doubt appearing to cross his mind or to disturb his peace. "He knew whom he had believed and was persuaded that He was able to keep that which he had committed to him against that day."

Two pillars in the Alberton congregation have been removed since we assisted on a Communion Sabbath, a little over one year ago, and a third has been shaken. "Help Lord for the godly man ceaseth for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

Died, at Fish Pools, East River, Pictou, HUGH MCKAY, Elder Primitive Church, New Glasgow, aged 80 years.

The character and services of this good man claim for him honourable mention in our ecclesiastical Record; and affection for him cherished from childhood, makes such notice congenial and easy. We have but to state a little of what we do know, and our work is done.

He was the son of Alexander McKay, a brave Highlander, who fought under Wolfe in the memorable siege of Louisbourg; and climbed the heights of Abraham on that eventful day when British power gained undoubted ascendancy in North America. Hugh, like his father, was a man of great athletic power, unsurpassed in fact in physical strength, and frequently designated as the "big deacon;" but most pacific in character, he was gentle as a child and his voice was unheard in the street.

His early life was so exemplary that he was called to the eldership while yet a young man. Nothing but the conviction that he was "called," overcame his sense of unfitness, and about 1818 he was ordained by Rev. Dr. MacGregor, whom he regarded with the affection of a son, an affection which continued to express itself long after the Drs. decease, by many deeds of kindness to his widow and family. He has been associated in spiritual work with Rev. Dr. Roy and Rev. G. Walker, by both of whom he was highly esteemed as a faithful man and an excellent member of Session. He was so unassuming in his character that his humility kept him from taking prominence in spiritual work, but he was seldom ever known to flinch from duty, or to be absent when any good work called for his presence.

Cheerfully and faithfully he served as an office-bearer for half a century; and though we have known more active workers, and more public spirited men, yet we have known none, of a kinder heart, of more christian meekness and of more genuine work. May the Lord sanctify to his family and to Primitive Church the loss sustained by his removal!

It was unanimously agreed by the Session of Primitive Church, that the following memorial of the late Hugh Mackay be inserted in the minutes of Session.—

"Our brother Hugh Mackay, the oldest member of Session, died October 19th, 1869. In noticing his death, we, as a Session, would enter on our minutes the high esteem in which we held our deceased brother. He was distinguished for a large share of good sound sense, which made his remarks on Sessional business generally valuable; in these remarks he was invariably guided by Scripture rule, and not by the rule of worldly expediency; in all his judgements he was disposed to exercise charity, but his charity never led him to sacrifice truth. In his intercourse with his brethren, he was kind and courteous, and always exhibited genuine Christian affection towards all. We admired his Christian virtues; there shone forth in his life, and conversation, especially the virtues of patience, humanity and love. His removal from the Session, by the will of the Head of the Church, was felt by them to be a great loss and; and yet we sincerely cherish the well-grounded hope, that our loss was his unspeakable gain."

Religious Intelligence.

Free Church.

A movement has commenced in Edinburgh in favour of erecting a National Monument to Dr Chalmers. The venerable Dean Ramsey takes a leading part in the matter. The London papers urge it.

The S sustentation Fund shows an increase of £559 on the last six months.

Dr. Duff has succeeded in raising about £30,000 for Manses for the Foreign Missionaries of the Free Church.

Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

By order of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, a sermon on Temperance was preached in all the churches on the last Sabbath of November. The Sessions were also to hold special meetings to consider what should be done to promote the cause of Temperance.

The Presbyterians of Ireland are energetically at work, preparing a Sustentation Fund, "lengthening their cords and strengthening their stakes." The withdrawal of the *Regium Donum* bids fair to be the occasion of extraordinary activity and success in all the church's operations.