

Subsequently he married again, and by this marriage had one son, named James, a youth of good parts and of bright promise. He was, however, suddenly cut off by the hand of death. This was a severe trial to Mr. Sinclair, but it was borne with christian patience. He did not murmur under the dispensation of his heavenly Father; but it was evident that he felt the hand of Divine Providence, and while endeavouring to acquiesce in the will of God, a settled sadness was apparent in his demeanour.

Mr. Sinclair showed himself always ready for every good work. Soon after the formation of the Presbyterian congregation of Paris, in connexion with the Missionary Presbytery of the Canadas, he and his wife became members of it. Soon after he was elected an elder, and acted as session clerk, until a short time before his death. He also acted as Secretary to the Congregation, and kept all the accounts with great accuracy and correctness. These and other similar duties occupied very much of his time and attention, which he rendered cheerfully, and for many years gratuitously. At last, in consideration of the time and attention required, it was agreed to give a small consideration.

He was also instrumental in promoting the cause of the Bible Society. Shortly after his rival in Paris, he discovered a portion of stock belonging to the Bible Society, part of some stock which had been left in Paris to encourage the formation of a Bible Society, which, however, had never gone into operation. The portion of stock found by Mr. Sinclair, had been rescued from the flames, and stored away in the upper part of a small house. Mr. Sinclair informed his minister, the Rev. Mr. Murray, of the fact, who took steps to have a Bible Society organized in Paris. Mr. Sinclair was the devoted and faithful Secretary, Treasurer, and Depositary for many years.

Mr. Sinclair also took a deep interest in the Sabbath School cause. He taught a class connected with the congregation of which he was a member, and was both respected and beloved by his pupils.

Mr. Sinclair was a man whose heart was larger than his means. His house was always open to Ministers of the Gospel, Agents of the Bible Society and others. When it was sometimes remarked that his large hospitality must be burthensome to him, his uniform reply was, that he was thankful that he had something to give. As an evidence of the respect in which he was held by the community, it may be stated that he was elected for a number of years in succession a member of the Town Council, the duties of which he faithfully and conscientiously discharged.

During his latter years, Mr. Sinclair was anticipating the period of his rest, and spoke of it as a thing more desirable than any earthly comfort. His death was at last sudden. On the 12th of July last, he was in his garden, and was employing himself in gathering cherries from a tree. He fell from a considerable height, severely injuring his spine. He was carried into his house, when it was found that from his chest downwards he had no feeling in his body. He retained however his composure of mind, and talked with intelligence and earnestness to many who came to visit him. It was now that the sincerity and depth of his piety appeared, in the many good counsels which he tendered to those who came to visit him, and the spirituality of his conversation with the members of the church who waited upon him. He expired on Sabbath evening, 23rd July, being 74 years of age. It was discovered on examining the body that his spine had been broken by the fall. His funeral was largely attended, indicating the respect in which he was held by the community. Men of such a stamp are needed in the christian church; and when God in His Providence raises up such men and puts them in their place in the church, there is cause of gratitude, while their departure is a loss to the interests of religion.