

Death of John Ferguson of Earltown.

In our last No. it was our painful duty to chronicle the death of Mr. Roderick McKenzie, W. R. favourably and widely known in the church. We have now the no less painful duty to record the death of John Ferguson, of North Earltown. After a few days of severe illness which he bore as the true christian drinks the "bitter cup" given by a loving Father's hand, he departed we trust, to be "with Christ, which is far better." It was not until a day or two before his death, that any serious apprehension of his recovery was felt, so that the suddenness of the event has deepened the gloom which has been cast over the community.

Many of the readers of the *Record*, especially ministers of the Gospel, who in the discharge of missionary duties have travelled through Earltown on their way westward, will remember with a pleasant sadness the kindness and hospitality with which they have been always entertained by him and his family, and his willingness and readiness to help them on their way. He was a man of unassuming and inobtrusive piety, of undoubted honesty and integrity, and whose conduct was always consistent with his profession of Christianity. Full of that love for his country, for which every true man has a sacred spot in his heart, he long cherished an ardent desire to see his native hills once more, and in the kind Providence of God he was permitted to have his wishes gratified. Last fall he crossed the Atlantic, and after a few months sojourn among his relatives in his native parish, he returned to the bosom of his family vigorous and healthy in body, and cheerful and grateful in spirit for the wonderful goodness and protecting care of his Heavenly Father. He has left a widow and large family together with many friends and acquaintances to lament his sudden removal, by which his widow is bereft of an affectionate husband, his children of an indulgent and tender father, the community of a useful and active member, and the church of a true and generous friend, and a cheerful and liberal supporter. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved family, and on their behalf will "plead with," and "put in remembrance" Him who has said, "I will not leave you comfortless" but who will be

the father of the fatherless, and the husband of the widow.

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Clerks of Presbyteries will please forward their Presbytery Rolls to the Synod Clerk, on or before the 20th June, that unnecessary delay and confusion may be avoided at the opening of Synod.

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SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH

1868

HOME MISSION.

Collections made by McLennan's Mountain Congregation		£1 11
May 2, Col. St. Andrew's Church; Halifax	per J. J. Bremner	£1 15
" 4 do Albion Mines Church,	per J. Patrick	1 13
" " Received from late Treasurer		30 0

SYNOD FUND.

Collections made by McLennan's Mountain Congregation		£1 15
May 26, Collection St. Andrew's Church.	Pictou,	£2 13
" 30 do Salt-springs Church,		2 30
RODERICK MCKENZIE, Treasurer.		

1869.

FOREIGN MISSION.

May 2, Paid James J. Bremner amount received and acknowledged in <i>Record's</i> prior to this date	£13 6
RODERICK MCKENZIE, Pictou, May 30th, 1869.	

FOREIGN MISSION.

March 6, Collection St. Andrew's Halifax,	\$10 00
" 9, " Barney's River,	7 50
" " St. Matthew's Halifax.	110 00
	\$128 25

JAS. J. BREMNER.

Treasurer Foreign Mission Fund.

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Account of monies collected at Saltsprings for the Lay Association, from January till May 1868.

Sec. 2, S. Side, March 23, Miss Barbara McLean, col.	\$6 00
" " N. Side, April 2, Miss Annie Munro, col.	2 37
" 3 " " 1 Miss Maria McKay, col.	2 25
" 5 " March 23 Miss Catherine Campbell, col.	2 17
" 6 " " 25 Miss Margaret Smith col.	1 63
	\$14 42

W. McDONALD,
Local Treasurer.