

For a number of years, Mr. Cowie, Antiburger minister of Huntly, preached at Culsalmond, where many hungry souls were fed with the bread of eternal life in a humble chapel built of turf, but whose walls were beautified with salvation. About the year 1800, the Rev. Rowland Hill visited that place. On that occasion the departed, and many of his kindred formed part of the large assembly that heard the gospel preached by Mr. Cowie and the eccentric but earnest stranger; and the spirit of life from the Lord entered many who before had only been dr bones in the valley of vision. It was about this time that the deceased became a decided Christian. Shortly after this, Robert and James A. Haldane visited the sphere of Mr. Cowie's labors,—who being possessed of great catholicity of spirit entered with a whole soul into all the religious movements of the day. The result was, that he was cast out of the Secession Church for allowing these laymen to preach in his place of worship. Then bands of faithful and liberal minded men formed themselves into societies and churches on Congregational principles and held meetings and established Sabbath Schools in many formerly destitute parts of the country. In all this the departed took a lively and active interest. For many years did he travel eight or ten miles on Sabbath to the Sabbath School where he usually spoke two or three hours, and then returned home the same night to be ready for the labors of the week on Monday morning. There are many hallowed spots in his native and adjoining parishes where the labors of this Sabbath School teacher, and we may say Evangelist, were blessed of God to the salvation of souls.

About the year 1808, Andrew Cowie was united in marriage to a pious and intelligent Christian, named Janet Wisely, who became the mother of a large family, who still survive their loved parents, and who, we trust, are partakers of the same grace and expectants of the same glory.

In 1838, he and his family emigrated to Canada and settled in Garafraxa where he has been a useful and active member of the church. He was long in connexion with the church in Eramosa, and was one of the few that united in the formation of the Congregational church in Garafraxa in 1856; where the interest he ever had in the ordinances of the sanctuary was not diminished, though the infirmities of age prevented his wonted activity. He was faithful in reproof of evil—ready to console and comfort the afflicted, and a frequent visitor at the bed of sickness and death, where his instructions and his prayers were well adapted to impress all who heard them. He was an affectionate instructor of the young and had a wonderful facility of introducing religious truth into every conversation. He was essentially a man of prayer. His conversation was always in heaven, and he always sought to bring others with him to that better country. Toward the close of his life he seemed distinctly conscious that the hour of his dissolution was nigh, and was anxious that nothing should be left for him to do or say when the silver cord was being unloosed. Without much bodily pain, he gradually fell asleep in Jesus.

“As sweetly as a child

Whom neither thought disturbs nor care encumbers,

Tired with long play—at close of summer's day

Lies down and slumbers.”

R. B.