

A Source of Supply.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—Since I paid over the collections from my congregation for the various funds of the church, I have received \$2.00, which I was requested to pay over to the Foreign Mission as an "answer to prayer." The circumstances were as follows: The party was desirous of contributing to the Lord's cause, but had nothing to give. He therefore betook himself to prayer, and the Lord having, as he believed in answer thereto, sent him the means he now forwards this as his contribution. It has occurred to me that this might afford a useful hint to others. There are persons in our church who say, when appealed to on behalf of any of our schemes, that they have nothing to give. If this be really the case, and they are truly desirous of giving, here is a very simple way of meeting the difficulty. With the Lord is the silver and gold, and He promises to give to them that ask Him. If money for the schemes of the church is to be obtained in this way, surely no member of our church is excusable, who does nothing for the missionary cause.

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE PATTERSON.

Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR.

News of the Church.

Death of Rev. A. Forrester, D. D

We record with deep regret the decease of one of the most distinguished ministers of our Church in the Maritime Provinces, the Rev. ALEXANDER FORRESTER, D.D., who departed this life on Tuesday, the 20th April, at one o'clock. His death took place in New York where he had gone to visit his friend, the Rev. John Thomson, D.D., and with the hope of recruiting his health. He stood the voyage from Halifax to New York very well, and seemed to improve for the first two or three days of his visit. But then came weakness and utter prostration, ending in death. He, of course, received every possible kindness and attention. All that skill and care could do for him was done.

Of Dr. Forrester's work in these Provinces we must take another opportunity to write. His voice has been heard, and his influence felt in every section of Nova Scotia, in New Brunswick, Prince Edward

Island, Newfoundland, and Bermuda. He came to this country in the very prime of life, and all his great talents and his indomitable perseverance and energy were devoted to the best interests of the land of his adoption. The "Free Church of Nova Scotia" owed much of her prosperity and influence under God to him. He was a cordial friend to Presbyterian union. He gave a great and permanent impulse to Education; and his name will be justly associated with our free Schools and improved methods of teaching. His "Text Book" has taken a deservedly high place among Educational works.

Dr. Forrester was a "Disruption Minister," and first visited this country in 1848 as a Delegate from the Free Church. In the fall of the same year, he came out as minister of St. John's Church, Halifax. In the following year he opened "Chalmers Church" of which he continued pastor till he accepted the position of Superintendent of Education and Principal of the Normal School, in 1855.—Although after this period he was not a constituent member of our Church Courts, he continued to take a lively interest in all that concerned Presbyterianism, and Evangelical religion generally. He preached hundreds of times for the brethren, always without fee or earthly reward. He never lost an opportunity of preaching while health permitted.

We need scarcely say that he was regarded with confidence, affection, and high esteem, and that his death will be universally regretted. He was, we believe, about 64 years of age. His remains were brought from New York and interred at Truro on the 24th ult.

The Rev. James Waddell acknowledges, with gratitude to God, the kind attention of neighbors and friends, both in the congregation and beyond it, who in various ways, have ministered to his comfort and that of his family in his affliction.

We are pleased to learn that the congregation of our respected and venerable father, Rev. R. S. Patterson, have presented him the sum of \$111, on his reaching the fortieth year of his ministry among them.—*Presbyterian*.