

the year 1829, and was immediately afterwards sent out to Lanark, C. W., where he zealously laboured many years, leaving, it is believed, many fruits of his ministry. At the Disruption he identified himself with the non-intrusion and Free-Church party, and leaving Lanark, proceeded to Sarnia, C. W., where he prosecuted a faithful ministry, until his health gave way.

He probably never sympathised with the rigid hyper-calvinism which obtains in some quarters, and gradually his mind became dissatisfied with the Presbyterian ideas of the Church, and of church government. His Calvinism was of the moderate type, which mostly obtains among Independents. Their ideas of church government also appeared to him eminently scriptural. Having occasion to spend a year or more in the neighbourhood of Cobourg, as an invalid, for rest and the recruiting of health, he conferred with the Rev. A. Burpee, then pastor of the Congregational Church there, and at length united with that church, taking his stand as a Congregational minister. The writer of these notes concerning our friend has the impression that while in connexion with the Presbyterians, he had visited Metis, a small place, considerably below Quebec, on the St. Lawrence, and had ministered to a congregation of that denomination there. The climate being favourable to his health, he returned thither as a Congregational minister, and formed a church of such Christian people as sympathised with him in his views of Christian communion, which church is still in existence, though small and isolated. Amid imperfect and failing health he continued to labour almost to the end; friends and foes—if he had any of the latter—recognizing in him a truly good man, and “a good minister of Jesus Christ.” Only a few months before his death was he finally laid aside from public work for his Divine Master, and even then he ever exhibited anxiety to enjoy the benefit of the sympathy and prayers of his brethren of the Congregational Union of Canada. One who was present writes with touching simplicity and beauty,—“He departed this life on 2nd December, 1866. He died in perfect peace, having the presence of the blessed Saviour with him.”

H. W.

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## Gleanings in Prose and Verse.

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### KEBLE'S "DEDICATION" TO THE "CHRISTIAN YEAR,"

FIRST PUBLISHED AFTER HIS DECEASE.

When in my silent solitary walk,  
I sought a strain not all unworthy Thee,  
My heart, still ringing with wild worldly talk,  
Gave forth no note of holier minstrelsy.

Prayer is the secret, to myself I said,  
Strong supplication must call down the charm,  
And thus with untuned heart I feebly prayed,  
Knocking at Heaven's gate with an earth-palsied arm.

Fountain of melody! Thou Spirit blest,  
By whom the troubled waves of earthly sound  
Are gathered into order, such as best  
Some high-souled bard in his enchanted round

May compass, Power Divine! O spread Thy wing,  
Thy dovelike wing that makes confusion fly,  
Over my dark, void spirit, murmuring  
New worlds of music, strains that may not die.