

and place the following statement in reference to him on their Records:

"In removing from their Roll the highly respected name of Mr. Roderick McGregor, representative Elder for Primitive Church New Glasgow in consequence of his decease, the Presbytery would express their deep sense of the sudden and severe loss thereby sustained not only by this, but other Church courts with which for so many years he maintained the most intimate relation.

Mr. McGregor was greatly distinguished by his religious devotedness, ardent zeal, sound judgment, public spirit, large hearted benevolence, and indefatigable industry. The frequency with which he was called upon to act in Church Courts and the uniform deference paid to his judgement, sufficiently attested the estimate in which he was held by his brethren both clerical and lay.

His love for his own Presbytery and Congregation no doubt enlisted, but did not by any means engross his best energies. He identified himself with Church Schemes, both secular and spiritual, but was ever forward, too, in uniting with other Christian laborers on common ground of work for the one Lord and Master. Hence it was that Bible Societies' operations and Temperance reform, received so much of his effective aid, thoughtful counsel, active work and pecuniary contribution.

Within the bounds of his own Church he was well known as one of the Auditors of Synod accounts and as a standing member of the Committee on Beneficence. He lived to see and enjoy the fruits of his unwearied advocacy of the scripture mode of maintaining Church ordinances in its auspicious initiation, not only by Synodical enactment, by such congregational adoption as promises ere long to embrace the entire Church.

As a member of Presbytery his usefulness found special adaptation in zealous and well directed efforts to improve the financial condition of the congregations Presbyterially visited and to him largely is it owing that greater liberality as well as punctuality is manifested in the support and extension of the Church at home and abroad.

In the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. McGregor proved himself to be a deeply interested and most useful workman. Always at his post and ever ready by personal effort to increase the number and promote the comfort of Missionaries he suffered no detail to escape his notice, and there is good reason to affirm that the interests of the Board engaged his latest intelligent thought.

The Presbytery would express their sympathy with the bereaved session and congregation, and would remind them as

they desire to remind themselves that while the Servant dies, the Master lives. One grand lesson taught by this bereavement is that of more unreserved dependence on Divine guidance and support. "Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils, for wherein is to be accounted of?" and yet another lesson is diligent preparation for Christ's coming. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man Cometh."

To the widow and fatherless, this Presbytery would most respectfully convey the assurance of that Christian condolence which weeps with them that weep, and yet mingles tears of joy and gratitude with tears of bitter grief.

This their justly endeared relative and our beloved brother has for a long season been lent to them and to us, and "is not, for God took him." What his family and church on earth have lost, the one family and Church in Heaven have gained. Let every surviving relative and friend unite in the pious resolution so worthy of sanctified affection under sad bereavement, "I shall go to him but he shall not return to me." Weep not. I have heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

JOHN MACKINNON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery according to appointment met at Brookfield, on the 13th inst. The Rev. J. H. Chase, M. A., preached an able and impressive discourse from Rom. XIV., 7.: "None of us liveth to himself."

The Rev. James McLean of Shubenacadie, being present was invited to correspond and took his seat accordingly.

The memorial of the Brookfield people praying to be dis-joined from Middle Stewiacke and erected into a distinct congregation was fully considered. There was laid on the table a counter petition, pleading that the proposed separation do not take place. This petition was signed by only a few. Others, some of whom were present, had said that their names were on the memorial, but on mature reflection felt much more inclined for the petition. The great body of people were however still anxious for the separation; they at the same time expressed themselves prepared cheerfully to bow to the wisdom of the Presbytery in the whole matter; they even said, that unless their friends and brethren opposing the separation were prepared to do the same, they would prefer for the present, continuing as they were, rather than endanger the peace and harmony of the congregation. The