

tear it up by the roots ; they may sweep and hiss up its lofty sides, as if they would overwhelm it for ever ; but the rock remains, with its calm top lifted to the sky, and unwet by even a drop from the rage below. And there its feathery inhabitants are full believers in its stability, and build and breed, and go and come, and eat and sleep in conscious security. By-and-bye the storm subsides, after it has done its worst ; the sea is hushed into a calm again, and then the stately old rock placidly mirrors itself on the bosom of that which was so lately its foe. So with the attacks on the Bible, wanton and wild often, but the Book remains unshaken ; and after the drift of assault has settled down, it reflects itself from more converted souls and enlightened minds, lovingly proclaiming the old truth that ' the word of the Lord endureth for ever.' "

Although he had been obliged by ill health to abstain from preaching for the last two years, he continued to take a lively interest in everything connected with the church, and was present at a meeting of the Toronto Presbytery in December ; nor was it unreasonable to hope that, relieved from the weight of the yoke which he had cheerily and bravely borne from his youth, he might remain with us for some time longer. But the Good Master has called him up to a more perfect rest than he could have had here, even surrounded as he was with the love and affection of a happy family, and the good will of all his fellow-citizens. Near the end of the old year he had a stroke of paralysis, from which he never fully recovered, and on the 25th of February entered the eternal Sabbath.

He cannot but be missed by a community among whom he has lived so long, and towards whose welfare he has done not a little. Still less will his family be able to check the wish that he were still among them, and she who has been his faithful companion and helpmate from the time of his first leaving the mother country, must feel a blank which it is vain for human comforters to attempt to fill. Yet it is both solacing and profitable to remember how he regarded such a departure as his own certainly was. In the first of the letters before referred to, after speaking of the delight of the boy of the emigrant, of the business man, &c., in getting "away," he says ' The 'away' of the man of God on his death-bed is the triumphant trumpet note of his soul's jubilee ; and, save for the friends he holds so dear, he has no ties to unloose ; and the mother with her maidens and his, and the son reverently beside the couch of his sire, can bid God speed to his 'away' with a joyful sadness, or a sad joy, like as one loves to look and linger on that glorious sun that droops and drops behind the sea, so golden and calm, and to leave the night to bring up the sable, if not the sorrowful procession of its funeral. We take heart of cheer from the sure and certain hope of its resurrection from the other side ; and so with friends away up among the majority in the great redeemed and Holy Catholic Church, their 'away' is certainly their gain.' "

On Monday, 28th Feb., his funeral was attended by a very large number, showing the esteem in which he was held. Besides several leading Presbyterian ministers, the Revs. Dr. Ryerson, Mr. Potts and Dean Grasett took part in the religious services. The last prayer at the grave was led by the Rev. William Fraser, of Bond Head, a very old personal friend.

The feelings of his colleagues in the Bible Society work found expression in a resolution passed at the meeting of the Board last night, which will be seen in the usual place.