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THE LATE REV. JOHN SMITH, BECK-WITH.

Died on the eighteenth day of April last, aged fifty years, the Rev. John Smith, for seventeen years Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Beckwith, in connection with the Church of Scotland. The Rev. John McMorine, of Ramsay, by the appointment of the Presbytery of Bathurst, preached his Funeral Sermon. He chose for his text 2d Tim., i chap. 10 verse, last clause of the verse. After exhibiting the various proofs of the soul's immortality supplied by reason and the Scripture, he concluded with the following tribute to the memory of the deceased, which, by request, is now offered for insertion in the "Presbyterian."

"The voice of your pastor will no more be heard in this place but you know that his object was ever to carry your view forward to a blessed immortality; and he spoke as one who had himself chosen the same glorious portion. Had he not, what would all else have been to him now? Prematurely cut off in the midst of his usefulness, leaving a disconsolate widow and a young and helpless family behind him, how dark, how sad would have been his fate! But the character of his life, and the circumstances of his death give us strong ground to hope, that he is now enjoying that immortal bliss, which he loved to describe and recommend while on earth. There are many here who are better able to trace his history, and pourtray his character than I am. It required close inspection to see and to estimate his worth, for no man was more thoroughly void of all ostentation and pretence. He was modest and silent with respect to himself, even to a fault. The deep-toned piety of his heart came out only incidentally, and never by design. For myself I knew him not till I heard him pray. There was a richness of sentiment,—an unction in his prayers which bespoke a man of religious experience, who has felt the power of the Truth, and who was living under its influence. It was a pleasure to hear him pray in the family and in the church; for he left upon the mind an indelible impression of sincerity. I have seldom heard him preach, and am not prepared to give the character of his discourses. But I doubt not they exhibited the same earnestness, and the same sound sense that appeared in all that he said or did. In his own family he was peculiarly amiable and affectionate, and in his intercourse with his people he was, I have been assured, their companion, counsellor and friend, interested in their welfare, and in his own quiet and noiseless manner, ready to do them good. In his transactions with the world he was scrupulously upright,—he was out and out a man of truth. On his death-bed he gave every symptom of a mind relying on his Saviour. For a moment, the first apprehension that death was near cast a shade over his spirit. But soon the passing cloud disappeared, and the sun of hope shone fully upon him, so that he was enabled to rejoice even in the midst of tribulation. He spent the whole time of his illness in prayer, much of it intercessory, and by those who were with him, it was felt to be a privilege to hear him. As in life he was a man of peace, so his death was calm and peaceful, leaving on his countenance a marked expression of meekness and benevolence even after life was extinct. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.'"

LADIES' MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KINGSTON.

We have much pleasure in laying before our readers a copy of the Report recently made by Mr. Morrison, the Missionary employed in the vicinity of Kingston. We know not which to admire more—the zealous and munificent spirit evinced by the Ladies of Kingston in raising the needful supplies for the support of a Missionary—or the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties on the part of the gentleman employed. We should be delighted to see the example, shown by the Ladies of Kingston, extensively followed by other Congregations throughout the Province.

Excellent as the Missionary Report is, it is but fair to state, that it was prepared hurriedly in the intervals of duty, and without a view to publication. We are indebted, in fact, to a staunch friend at Kingston, for inducing Mr. Morrison to consent to its publication in our columns.

REPORT of the Missionary of the *Ladies' Missionary Association of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston* since his appointment in May, 1850, Read at a Meeting of the Congregation on the evening of Wednesday, 16th April, 1851.

It is known to the Congregation that the object of the *Ladies' Missionary Association* is to extend the Gospel to the more destitute parts of the surrounding country in our immediate vicinity, especially with the view of meeting the spiritual wants of our own people.

In entering on my duties in May last, I found that I could not do better than follow up with vigour and perseverance what had been so well begun by the Rev. Mr. Mowat, my much esteemed predecessor. To a great extent every thing was prepared to my hand. Preaching-stations had been established in Barriefield, Portsmouth, Wolfe Island, Pittsburg and Glenburnie, where Meetings for Divine Service were regularly held. Occasionally, also, meetings had been held in other neighbourhoods, and assuredly it was no small joy to me, at my outset, to find crowds of pious worshippers collecting in those places to wait on the Ordinances of the Gospel—to see tender youth and feeble old age provided with the means of grace at their very door, and to think that there were so many hearts in our Congregation, beating high with Christian love, engaged in a work so sacred and so becoming as that of supplying the spiritual wants of our less favoured brethren and kindred after the flesh.

Besides the regular stations which had been established at Portsmouth, Barriefield, Wolfe Island, Pittsburg and Glenburnie, I have succeeded, in consequence of having nothing but the country to attend to, in establishing regular stations also at Ballynahinch, Cedar School-house, Mrs. Reid's, the South of Wolfe Island, and at the fingerboard on the Gananoque Road; so that, altogether, there are eleven different neighbourhoods enjoying the benefits of your Mission, and thousands of our countrymen privileged with the means of grace, who but for the *Ladies' Missionary Association* might be left in comparative ignorance and destitution.

A short notice of each of these places may not be uninteresting to you:

1st. BARRIEFIELD. Here we have a meeting every fourth Sabbath with an audience varying from 40 to 70 persons of all ages and denominations. Last summer the attendance was very small, and altogether this station was very discouraging; now, however, it is very different. There are few in the village, it is presumed, who do not avail themselves of the benefits of your

Mission, and it is humbly hoped that God has some precious souls in this place.

2nd. PORTSMOUTH. This is the only place where I have been unable to prosecute my work regularly. It had been intended, in conjunction with the Rev. Wm. Burns, to provide Divine service for the people every second Wednesday evening. In pursuance of this object I went regularly last summer till I had to give up from want of an audience; and this winter, owing to the want of a proper meeting-house, I have had no better success. This want, however, no longer exists, a most commodious building, free to all denominations, having been erected by public subscription, and where, according to appointment, I should meet with the people this evening for the first time.

3rd. MRS. REID'S. This is a neighbourhood lying some four miles N. E. of the City. No other Missionary visits this place, and it is not likely to be, since the people are very poor, and but few in number. We meet in a dwelling-house, where I have sometimes as many as fifty; at first, I could scarcely get half-a-dozen. It is cheering to see how fond many of those poor people are of the Gospel. One cannot contemplate them without emotion, when it is remembered that, previous to the establishment of the Mission, some of them had been for years without ever hearing its glad tidings proclaimed, or having their feet within a house of prayer. We meet here every fourth Sabbath.

4th. CEDAR SCHOOL-HOUSE. This place lies about eight miles west of the City, and has but lately been established as a regular preaching-station. Hitherto it has only been occasionally visited by other Missionaries. This is by no means so pleasant and so encouraging a place as Mrs. Reid's neighbourhood. A great portion of the settlers consists of neglected Methodists, who seem to regard our services as a very light thing. My audience to a considerable extent is new every time I visit them. Still I have good hopes concerning this place, I see many coming from a considerable distance to our meetings, and the attendance has been steadily increasing, till we have now as many as our little School-house can hold.

5th. BALLYNAHINCH. This is a Free Church station, visited regularly by their excellent Missionary, Mr. Smith, every fortnight. We have some eight or nine families here, and on their account, as well as others, we have meeting regularly in Ballynahinch every eighth Sabbath—too long an interval, certainly, to expect much success; still the people come out in great numbers and ought not to be neglected by us.

6th. PITTSBURG FRONT ROAD. Here we have meeting every second Sabbath, when I have seldom less than 50 hearing me. Last Sabbath there must have been 70, mostly professing adherence to our own Church. Here there is also a Bible Class, which promises to be attended with much good to the rising generation. There are, it is fondly hoped, some here in whom a work of grace is begun, and which the Lord will carry on until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7th. PITTSBURG BACK ROAD. Here we have also meeting every second Sabbath, but the attendance is nothing like so good, or so regular as in the former. However, our own people attend very regularly; the fluctuation arises from the attendance or non-attendance of other denominations. Here a Sabbath school has been established, at which nearly all the youth in the neighbourhood attend.

8th. FINGERBOARD. This promises to be a highly interesting station, I had upwards of 100 in attendance the last Sabbath I was there. There is a strong feeling amongst the people that they could support a Missionary themselves; and they are somewhat divided as to what course they should pursue in this matter, some looking to us for what help we can give them, while others will not be content unless they receive the undivided labours of a Missionary or Catechist. I have been receiving pressing solicitations from the people to give them service every second Sabbath, which, I believe, would satisfy them;