

"Behold the days come," said God to the Israelites, "that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread or a famine of water, but of hearing the word of the Lord." Where are now the seven churches of Asia? Their candlesticks have been removed out of their place, and the blasphemies of the Koran are heard where once the name of Jesus was as ointment poured forth. O then pray that yours may never be thus removed. But labour also among those around you, and especially among the young, that when we shall have finished our course, a generation better than their fathers may maintain the statutes of the Lord, and transmit them to the race that is to come, and

that thus there may be here those that fear him "while sun and moon endure, throughout all generations."

And now, brethren, that on this the first Sabbath after the completion of your place of worship, you have subscribed yourselves to be the Lord's,—may we not adopt the prayer that Solomon offered up after the dedication of the temple at Jerusalem. "The Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us nor forsake us, that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers."

Home Missions.

THE LATE REV. WM. MACGREGOR.

The Rev. William McGregor was born at Methven, in Perthshire, Scotland, in the year 1776. His father, whose name was John, was a linen manufacturer, and distinguished for his piety. He was a member of the congregation of the Rev. John Wilson, son of the Rev. William Wilson, one of the first four seceding ministers. He died in the 71st year of his age, and in the first year of his son's attendance at college. His mother also was noted for her piety, and lived to hear her son preach.

The subject of our sketch for some time attended the Grammar School at Perth. During the sessions of 1796—7—8, he studied at Edinburgh College under Professors Hill, Dalziel, Finlayson and Stewart. His Theological education he received at Whithorn, under the tuition of the Rev. Professor Bruce. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy in 1808 or 9. From his earliest recollections Mr. McGregor's views had been turned to the ministry. His education was obtained by his own efforts with some slight assistance from his parents. At the age of sixteen he became a member of the Church.

Having continued for some years a probationer, without receiving any fixed charge, in the year 1820 he left Scotland and came to this country. It deserves to be remarked, as a singular display of Providence, that on the very day in which his predecessor in the

congregation, the Rev. Andrew Nicoll, departed this life, Mr. McGregor sailed from Britain. In October, 1821, he was ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Richmond Bay and Bedeque. In the course of 3 or 4 years, however, Bedeque was disjoined and erected into a separate congregation. Mr. McGregor continued in the pastoral charge of Richmond Bay, until July 13th, 1847, when his demission, which had been for sometime under consideration, was accepted. The death of his wife, with whom he had happily lived for the long period of 44 years, which had lately taken place, with some troubles in his congregation, deeply affected a mind naturally of keen sensibility. The feebleness of age, also, creeping upon him, his health continued gradually to decline, until on Sabbath the 10th of February he quietly departed this life, in the 74th year of his age.

Permit me here to sketch a few of the most prominent traits in his character. His knowledge of systematic divinity was extensive. He had read much, particularly in the writings of the old divines; and being naturally gifted with a retentive memory, he had treasured up much Theological information. You could scarcely consult him upon difficult points without receiving some satisfaction. He seemed to be familiar with them, knew the opinions of the soundest and most eminent divines, and could decidedly express his own judgment.

His pulpit ministrations were highly