

Colportage into the Province, the promoter and able advocate of every good work, the Pastor of the Church in Portland, is felt to be a loss the greatness of which it is impossible to express, and the consequences of which no one can foresee. They desire in this their tribute to the dead not to be unmindful of the salutary truth that they owe to the Lord whatever has been accomplished by his labours; that the Lord directed his steps hither, and by his grace our beloved Brother was preserved to us in the discharge of his onerous and multiplied duties: and they would recognize the hand of the same all wise disposing Providence in his removal; the reflection that the hand which bestowed is the same that took away can alone mitigate the grief of their hearts when they behold his place vacant and know not whither to look for those who may occupy his post. But while they thus ascribe all the benefits which they derived from the exercise of their Brother's talents to the grace of God in him, they must also give vent to their feelings of attachment and sorrow on this the first public meeting of the Delegates of the Churches.

To his labours and untiring perseverance they owe the Christian Visitor, which is now circulated by hundreds and read probably by thousands; a paper which is weekly exerting a most beneficial influence upon the moral and religious state of the people of the Province.

To his business skill and tact they are indebted for the introduction of the Depository, for the sale of books and tracts, by which means religious instruction and secular knowledge have been largely diffused among them, which has contributed greatly to elevate the tone of religious feeling and deepen the impression of evangelical truth.

Besides these incessant engagements in conjunction with the duties of the ministerial office, he was ever ready for every effort of kindness, and labour of love; he was instant in season and out of season to toil and to consult, to counsel and to exhort.

He lives in their hearts by the works he wrought in their midst, and though dead he will never cease to speak as often as they survey the foundation he has laid in this Province for the glory of our God and Saviour.

They know not in what language to convey to their dear bereaved Sister Very the sympathy which they individually and collectively feel for the desolating stroke which has fallen upon her; they can do no more than commend her to the tender care of Him who came to bind up the broken hearted.

Indeed they are sensible that the ordinary expressions of grief are totally inadequate to convey the feelings which struggle for utterance when contemplating an event which has at one stroke swept away not only the leaders of the host, but the youthful vigour of the Churches; they present the expression of sorrowing condolence to every family thus severely and suddenly bereaved, however feeble it may be to assuage their grief; and would pray for the disposition, with humble acquiescence, to look upward and say "Father, thy will done."

C. SPURDEN, *Chairman.*