

annoying features of the former method. While on this subject, it is necessary to mention the librarians, who, both in the first arrangement of the books, and in the discharge of their regular duties, have accomplished a great deal of work in a most satisfactory manner.

There exists in connection with the school a Teachers' Association, with regular weekly meetings, which has been found a valuable institution.

The expenditure for the past year has been very heavy: for books, and library fittings, \$104; and for papers, \$43.50. To meet this there is a sum of \$120.25, leaving a debt of \$35.50, which we hope will soon be discharged.

The tea meeting is the great event of the Sabbath School year, at which the ladies, on each returning occasion cover themselves with honour in the performance of work, which no one could properly estimate who was not engaged in it.

The Late John Graham, Earltown.

BORN 1789—DIED 1870, DEC. 29.

Died at Earltown, on the morning of the 29th Dec., 1870, in the 83rd year of his age, John Graham, elder. He was a native of the parish of Clyne, Sutherlandshire, and immigrated to Nova Scotia in 1820.

It has thus again become our painful duty to record another "father in Israel fallen." It is with deep sadness that we witness one by one of those by whose mature experience and wise counsel the Church has long profited, pass away from our midst.

John Graham was an instance added to the many, of the power of the wisdom and care of pious parents; and of the influence of early training in the fear of God, in the knowledge of the holy scriptures, and in the habits of a serious Christian life. So early had the spirit of grace and wisdom begun to work in him, and so inwoven were divine things with the elements of his mind and heart and habits, that grace seemed to him a second nature. The pleasures, amusements and worldly allurements that so often find favour with the young, had no charms for him, for he preferred the "house of mourning to the house of feasting"; and "one day" with him "in the

courts of God's house was better than a thousand." He always, by precept and example, discouraged the gaieties and frivolities that absorb so much of our time in the days of our youth.

He continued to observe the same good habits through life. He was a man of great single-mindedness in his aims; honest and upright in all his dealings, sincere and unobtrusive in his piety, most conscientious in duty, and always characterized by the christian modesty that led him to "esteem others better than himself." No trifling circumstance would ever keep him from his place in the house of God, either on the Sabbath days or prayer-meeting days. The depth of his views, and the ardor of his piety, gave a remarkable tone and power to his prayers, which were more like the "strong cryings" of a great heart under a great burden of necessities than is often heard. Many of your readers remember well his original and searching remarks on "Ceist" days.

He was ordained an elder in the Church in 1862—although his modest views of his qualifications for that office made him withhold his consent for a long time after the matter was proposed to him.

He was not without his "doubts and fears" even in his last illness, but these clouds at last vanished like the "mists of the morning," and he was made "more than conqueror" through faith in an able and willing Saviour. He breathed out his spirit committing himself to the "free grace and fulness that is in his Redeemer." We deeply sympathize with Earltown in this heavy loss so soon added to that of Donald Mathieson, Donald Ross, Esq., John McKay Millar, John Fergusson, Donald McKay Ross, and a host of others, whose stars have set here, we trust to rise in a brighter firmament, where their lustre shall never become dim.—COM.

Tea Meeting:

The annual tea meeting of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, New Glasgow, took place on Wednesday, Jan. 11th, in Mr. Jas. H. Fraser's large new hall, which was crowded to its utmost capacity; about 500 persons being present. That ample provision had been made for so large a number, reflects