

religious strife, and strengthen the cords of ministerial and Christian brotherhood.

He was a writer of no common taste and power. His printed letters were eagerly read by the old and young. While "roughing it in the bush," his life like sketches of our backwoodsmen enlivened many a fireside, on both sides of the Atlantic. If he left no great literary or theological works, his life and labours were a Book of more value. It is hoped that some of his numerous friends may see fit, and take time, to collect the gems of thought contained in his letters into useful and entertaining volumes of reading for the next generation. As his printed letters, like the writer himself, were in advance of the age, coming generations may claim them as their proper heritage.

The house of this good Patriarch had been long filled with good people who came for a last look or parting words. On such occasions it was the house of prayer or the church in the house. His son, the Rev. George W. Sprott, late of the Ceylon Mission, who had been absent from the country many years, crossed the Atlantic to make a short visit to the homestead, and was only in time to give the aids and comforts of his presence and take home to his charge in Scotland his father's blessing. This visit, so opportune, was mutually refreshing. The son had scarcely embarked for his earthly home when the father was called away to his long and better home, to rest from his labours and to be followed by his works.

THE LATE WILLIAM NAPIER, ESQ., OF BATHURST, N. B.

With deep regret we record the death of William Napier, Esq., Bathurst, N.B.,—a gentleman who, during a period of forty years, has been widely known in the northern section of the province, as a consistent and zealous supporter of the cause of the Church of Scotland. The mournful event took place on the 3rd ultimo, in St. John, at the residence of Francis Ferguson, Esq.

Mr. Napier was a native of Musselburgh, near Edinburgh; he emigrated to Richibucto in 1828; and settled in Bathurst in 1880. In 1841, when the congregation of St. Luke's Church was organized, he was ordained a ruling elder, and, in the discharge the duties of this office, he was a pattern of activity and faithfulness. The many important services which he rendered as elder and trustee will be long had in grateful remembrance by the friends of the Church in this place. His knowledge of the laws and usages of the Church was considerable, and he often took a prominent part in the business of the Presbytery, at whose meetings his presence was always most welcome. Only a month before his death, when reduced to weakness by a painful malady, he attended, for two days, the Synod lately held in Chatham, as representative elder.

During nearly the whole period of his long residence in Bathurst, he worthily filled various public offices, some of which were of high responsibility. Strict probity in public and private life, combined with great kindness of heart and gentleness of manners, won for him the affection and confidence of a large circle of friends. Possessing a sound judgment and much intelligence, cautious, diligent, methodical and exact, his advice was often sought in cases of difficulty, and his influence was always exerted to compose differences, allay suspicions, and establish harmony among his neighbours.

He bestowed great pains in the instruction of the young, and was much loved by them in return. For many years, and until the time of his death, he was Superintendent of the Sabbath-school in connection with St. Luke's Church. Not the least affecting circumstance, on the day of the funeral, was the presence of a large number of young persons and children of both sexes, who were or had been pupils of the Sabbath-school, and who went in procession in front of the bier, and sang around the grave several hymns expressive of the Christian's hope of reunion with the "loved and lost;" while the large