

his death, which occurred yesterday from congestion of the brain, comes upon us with startling unexpectedness. Dr. McGill has for many years back been the pastor of St. Paul's (Scotch Presbyterian) Church in this City. His loss will be irreparable to his family, in whose affliction not only the members of his Church and congregation but a large circle of friends of all denominations will warmly and sincerely sympathize:—

Ah! not alone around thy bier

Thy children's sighs unfeigned ascend:

The mourner Pity drops a tear,

And Virtue weeps a vanished friend!

*Montreal Herald.*

We learn that the Rev. Dr. McGill is no more. He died quietly at noon yesterday. Since midnight on the Saturday night he had been insensible, and was never conscious afterwards. He died the death of the righteous: may our last end be like his! Montreal may well mourn his loss, and mourn it sincerely. As a pious and exemplary Christian minister, his congregation will best know how to appreciate his merits: as one whose hand was open as the day to melting charity, the poor will mourn his loss. And the public in general will miss him, for, wherever there was a step to be gained in the march of social, physical or moral improvement, Dr. McGill was always ready to lend the movement a helping hand. To all our City institutions he was a large contributor; of some of them he was the support and guide; and, while we feel that our loss is his gain, we cannot but pay this passing tribute to the memory of a reverend minister and a good man.—*Montreal Transcript.*

THE LATE REV. DR. MCGILL.—We recorded yesterday the death of this excellent clergyman. There are few men who have more endeared themselves to all with whom they were brought in contact than Dr. M.—, few who will be more missed when called away. An earnest, patient and zealous pastor of his own flock, he was also foremost in promoting the welfare of the numerous general Protestant Charities in the City. All of them will miss in him an eloquent champion of their cause, an ever willing, wise and prudent counsellor.—*Montreal Gazette.*

The Rev. Robert McGill, D. D., of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, in connection with the Church of Scotland, died on Monday last after a pastorate here of 10½ years, much esteemed and deeply regretted not only by his own people but by a wide circle of friends connected with other denominations, to whom his public spirit and catholicity of heart had much endeared him. Dr. M.— has been a Minister of long and high standing in Canada, having resided for 19 years in Niagara before he accepted a call to Montreal. In the former place besides his pastoral duty he edited for some time, we believe, a Magazine in connection with the denomination to which he belonged; and in Montreal he has taken an interest in several of the Catholic Religious Societies, and in various movements for the extension and improvement of education and other philanthropic and religious objects. The disease, by which Dr. M.— was cut off in his 59th year, was congestion of the brain.

*Montreal Witness.*

The morning prayer-meeting held during the Anniversary week in behalf of our Catholic Religious Society was felt to be so interesting and profitable that it was resolved to keep it up on the first Monday morning of every month throughout the year, the place of meeting being the Lecture-Room of the American Church, and the hour for the present from 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning. The first of these meetings took place on Monday last, and was an occasion of deep and solemn religious feeling, rendered specially so by the announcement that Rev. Dr. McGill, a gentleman whose kindly and catholic spirit had induced him to join in several of our Religious Societies, was just about that time passing from time into eternity.

*Ibid.*

#### OBITUARY.

DIED, Dec. 12th, at South Georgetown, County of Beaubarnois, in the 60th year of his age, Robert Robertson, a native of Perthshire, Scotland. Mr. R. came to this country upwards of 30 years ago, and settled in Georgetown, where he opened a school, which he continued to teach till within a few weeks of his death. As he did not depend upon the emoluments of his school for the support of his family, he was not reduced to that half-vagrant condition, which forms the lot of most schoolmasters in this Province, but saw himself surrounded at the close of his labours by the children of those who had been his pupils at their commencement, and his authority and influence supported by the well earned confidence and grateful affection of two generations. While in other schools around we saw teachers come and pass away and be forgotten year by year. Mr. R.— continued steadfast at his post, gaining for himself a local position and influence resembling that of the most respected parish schoolmasters in Scotland, and leaving vacant by his death a place in the community which, all feel, cannot easily be filled up. Neither clergyman nor magistrate nor public man of any description in our neighbourhood was more generally known or more highly respected or will be more missed than Mr. R.—. In truth his services were largely and freely given to clergymen, magistrates, school commissioners and all who had anything to do with the transaction of our local affairs. Whether the meeting was about a church or a school or a road or the settlement of a dispute, Mr. R.— was sought out to record the proceedings of the meeting and write out any documents to which they gave rise. In more private family arrangements his pen and advice were equally at the service of all who needed them; such was his obliging disposition, and, as it was well known, so it was largely drawn upon.

Mr. R.— was an elder of the congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland, session-clerk and superintendent of our Sabbath school, and, while

faithfully and diligently performing the duties of these offices and teaching daily in his school, with all the other services he found time to render amongst us, such were his orderly habits and calm, equable temper that he was never in a hurry and never seemed weary in his well-doing. As his minister, the writer of this notice feels grateful to him for his valuable services in the congregation, and not less as the father of a family to the teacher of his children, for it was no small favour from God to have for their instructor a man who made them love both the school and its exercises, and who deserved and secured both my own and their affection and respect.

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#### CONGREGATION OF DUNDAS.

##### PRESENTATION.

On Thursday, the 16th January, the members of St. Andrew's Church waited upon their minister, and through Mr. Robert MacCulloch and Dr. Hamilton, two of their number, presented the Reverend gentleman with a handsome purse of money, and the Address which we give below.

Both the gentlemen in the act of presentation expressed their great pleasure in acting for the Congregation in this matter and at the same time giving utterance to their own feelings. After the Address was read by Dr. Hamilton, Mr. MacCulloch, with an emotion which eloquently expressed all he would have said, presented the purse in the name of the Session and Congregation. To the Address were appended the names of Mr. Robert MacCulloch and many other members of the Congregation.

The Address was as follows:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—

We, the undersigned Members of St. Andrew's Church, Dundas, on the advent of a new year beg to offer you our hearty and sincere congratulations.

Although the sacred and important connection existing between us—as a pastor and people—has been of short duration, and may truly be said as yet but in its infancy, nevertheless we are full of hope for the future from the experience of the past. We pray God that you may long be spared to minister amongst us; that the testimony of the privilege we enjoy by your kind sympathies for every member of your congregation, your exemplary piety and Christian teachings, but above all your unwearied anxiety for our spiritual welfare—may be the means of adding many crowns unto you as the fruits of your labour.

Reverend and Dear Sir, while we beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse, small indeed yet it is, in token of our esteem and affection, our prayer is that the blessings of God may descend upon yourself and family.

We subjoin the Reverend gentleman's Reply to the foregoing:

To Mr. Robert MacCulloch, the Elders and Members of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Dundas.

ESTEEMED BRETHREN.—I received with great satisfaction indeed the Address and accompanying purse, which you have done me the honour of presenting to me, and place upon this expression of your confidence and regard a value which I cannot adequately convey to you in words but I shall seek to prove by acts.

Your generous appreciation of my past humble efforts to promote your spiritual good, so pleasantly testified by the presentation now made, will serve as a delightful stimulus to more earnest and continued exertion towards the same end for the future. Far I can claim, what you kindly attribute to me, a great anxiety to advance your spiritual interests, however feebly I may have hitherto displayed it; and the knowledge that you