

infant, cause ; and, though his residence was over three miles from the Church, yet the places of himself and family were seldom, if ever, vacant in the Sabbath School ; and so close has the work of grace kept pace with material improvement, that a semi-monthly prayer meeting has been for a length of time maintained in the house of the deceased, and been the means of much spiritual improvement. In a word, he lived the life of a righteous man, and has been early called to a righteous man's reward !

The writer cannot close without recording the spirit-stirring effect which friendly visits to the rural sanctuary invariably produced upon himself. Even the children, having imbibed the pious disposition of their parents, sought for opportunities and enjoyed diets of exercises on the 'Shorter Catechism.' May the good seed thus early sown spring up and, in their lives, bring forth unto holiness, that their end may also be everlasting life. T. D.

THE LATE MR. WM. ROWAN, ELDER.

We have to record the death of the above gentleman, which took place in Montreal on 21st January. The deceased was in his 71st year.

Mr. Rowan was a native of Strathaven, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and at the early age of 17, entered the British Army, serving in the 79th Highlanders, with which regiment he came to Canada.

Notwithstanding the society by which he was thus surrounded, his religious convictions were early, deep and abiding, and of a description that would not be concealed. By much study of the scriptures, he became so well grounded in the word of God, that he was ever well able and ready to console the mourner, counsel the doubter, and comfort the sick and afflicted, and thus make himself a welcome visitor in every household. He was an able Sabbath School and Bible Class teacher, a ready expounder of the scriptures, and an ardent worker in every good work. His activity and usefulness in the old St. Gabriel Street congregation, with which he had connected himself, soon fixed all eyes on him as a fit and proper person for the Eldership, and he was unanimously chosen for that office, and ordained by the Rev. Wm. Leishman, in St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, on the 30th day of January, 1848 ; and ever since for the long period of twenty-six years most faithfully devoted himself to the duties of that office, under the ministrations of the Rev. Wm. Leishman, Rev. William Rintoul, Rev. David Inglis and Rev. A. F. Kemp, in St. Gabriel Street Church, and the Rev. Robert Irvine, D. D., and Rev. R. M. Thornton, in Knox Church, Montreal. His labours here are ended, and the congregation will long miss his genial face and kindly welcome. We mourn his loss ; nevertheless we believe our loss is his gain, and he is now inheriting the happy welcome of "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mr. Rowan was well-known about Toronto, and during a residence there, discharged the duties of Elder in Knox Church during the ministry of the late Rev. Robert Burns, D. D.

At the distribution of tokens to the new communicants at last Communion in Montreal, Mr. Rowan gave an address to the new members joining the Church, which was so full of the Gospel and of the experience of a long and faithful walk with Christ Jesus, that all present were moved—many to tears. He warned them that the lips that now addressed them might never do so again ; and he has now gone to his reward. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Montreal, 4th February, 1874.