

in Canada. I would propose that this tribute should be in the form of a monument over his sleeping dust; but should the liberality of our Church exceed the funds necessary for this object, I would further propose that the remaining sum should go to the endowing of a "Burns' Memorial Scholarship or Bursary" in Knox's College, where he breathed his last, and the name of which, I believe, would have been found engraven upon his heart. The labours of the late Rev. Dr. Burns were not confined to one part of these Provinces; the East as well as the West shared in them, and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland were all visited in turn—some of these Lower Provinces more than once. Many friends there would be glad to join in this "tribute of affection." Let us take a backward glance at the state of our Church in Canada when the Rev. Robert Burns, D.D., Paisley, was called to the charge of Knox's Church, Toronto. Knox's College was then in its infancy, merely beginning to breathe; our Ministers numbered few, and our adherents were also few; but from Ontario Terrace (the Doctor's residence—the College, and the Academy) went forth influence which was felt through all our Church; and this influence was largely owing to Dr. Burns' untiring energy and truly missionary spirit. Merely to hint at all the Doctor's labors would occupy too much space, but in regard to Quebec, I may say that he supplied the pulpit of St. John's Church (now Chalmers') for several months during its long vacancy, and did much Missionary work. Quebec again shared in his labors in the summer of 1862, and on that occasion he extended them as far as Cacouna. To preach there once on the Sabbath did not satisfy his ardent spirit, but he longed to gather an afternoon congregation at Riviere du Loup. In the following summer he became the guest of the Rev. W. B. Clark, Chalmers' Church, and preached and visited much in outlying districts. His life would be a valuable addition to our religious biography, and I trust the task will be as ably executed as his own life of the late Rev. Dr. McGill of Glasgow.

In his labors he was cheered and sustained by Mrs. Burns, whose large Christian heart and intellectual attainments so well fitted her for her position as the wife of such a man. Who can estimate the amount of good she has done by her Bible classes for the young, thus reaching the female heart at an impressible age, and moulding the minds of future mothers. And, now that Dr. Burns has entered on his rest and reward, let us not be forgetful of our duty, but bear testimony to his worth and labors by the erection of a suitable "Tribute of Affection."

I remain,

Dear Mr. Editor,

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(We have received other communications on this subject. It is evidently the strong desire of many friends that there should be some lasting tribute to the memory of the deceased Dr Burns. Some have suggested the endowment of a chair in Knox College—some the establishment of a Scholarship or Bursary—and some, as the writer—the erection of a monument over his dust. We trust the matter will be kept in view, and that some means may soon be devised for deciding in what way the views of friends shall be carried out.—EDITOR.)