

Obituary.

MR. P. S. MARTIN, GARAFRAXA.

The Congregational Church of Garafraxa has just suffered a great loss in the death of Peter Sumner Martin.

The deceased was born at East Bridgeford, Nottinghamshire, England, in the year 1822; where he taught school some time previous to his emigrating to Canada. With his wife he came to this country in 1855, and settled near Guelph. Soon afterwards, both he and Mrs. Martin were received into the Guelph Congregation Church, in which connection they remained until moving to the farm in West Garafraxa. That was in the year 1862.

By letter and hearty commendation from the Guelph Church, they were cordially received into communion with the Garafraxa Church, then worshipping in the old log house.

Mr. Martin's worth was soon recognized by the Garafraxa folks, and they elected him deacon of the church in March, 1865; and also made him treasurer, 1868. For twenty years he held this twofold office in the church, and performed the duties relating thereto in a most loving and faithful manner. He also, for many years, did good work in the Sabbath school, and in the choir; indeed, in all that pertained to the best interests of the church, he took deep interest and rendered good service; and not only was his death a loss to the church so dear to him, but the whole community has lost a friend.

His death was most severely felt also, because of its extreme suddenness. Mr. Martin, the week before he died, was in the best of spirits; especially the Friday-week before. A garden party and literary entertainment was held for the benefit of the Manse Fund. At this party a number of his old friends were gathered, and he, with them, spent a most enjoyable time. He also attended church on the Sabbath before his death, i.e., July 15th. But he complained a little that day, and gradually grew worse until his death, which came to us all with a suddenness that stunned us; 21st July, at 5 p.m.

Yet, thank God, it did not take him by surprise.

He was ready, and what is loss to us is doubtless infinite gain to our much loved brother. His memory will ever be precious to us. May we all profit by his faithful service.

MR. FRANCIS WENESICK, OF FRENCH BAY.

[The following notice of Francis Wenesick, an Ojibway Indian, of the Saugeen Reserve, Ont., is furnished by the native pastor, Rev. Thomas Bigcanoe.]

Mr. Francis Wenesick, who died June 19th, 1888, was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith. I visited him several times. When I first visited him he objected to any admonitions from me, stating that he had sent the priest word that he expected to die, and that he would come and pardon all his sins. I continued to visit him, and read portions of Scripture to him. He commenced to think for himself, and listen with anxiety to the sacred Word. I read that portion referring to Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness, also where Jesus comforted His disciples by telling them of the place He was going to prepare for them; and while I engaged in prayer with him, he laid hold of Christ by faith, and claimed Him as his Saviour.

A short time before he died he repeated part of the following hymn, stating that if his voice was able he would sing three verses:

"Jesus my all to Heaven is gone."

He was happy all day; and in his half unconsciousness imagined he saw a *steumboat*, coming with a great company of angels and playing on musical instruments with sweeter music than any he had ever heard. The leader came and greeted him, taking him by the hand. "Where I am, there ye shall be also."

News of the Churches.

NOEL TO S. MAITLAND, N.S.—Along the south-west shore of the upper or Cobiquid Bay end of the Bay of Fundy, and in one direct line of road, are located four Congregational churches. Neither of these churches is strong either numerically or pecuniarily. Yet they have great tenacity of ecclesiastical life, and have made great sacrifices in the erection of buildings for worship. These