

cellent brethren now compelled, by age or infirmity, to abate the fulness with which for so long time they have laboured. We further tenderly remember those whose course your obituaries record as now fulfilled—George Miller, John Bass Strong, and William Wilson, venerable men, whose great honor it was to assist in laying the foundations of your numerous and flourishing Churches. The mention of them has awakened among us many grateful recollections of their eminent worth and wide success. We too, as in other years, have lost from our number warm-hearted evangelists, pains-taking pastors, and sage advisers. Among the fathers thus called unto God we mention Isaac Keeling, an ex-President, a very diligent, observant, and unusually accurate man, whose sententious wisdom will long be missed from our assemblies; and Peter McOwan, a thorough divine, a mighty preacher, a careful shepherd of the flock, a trusted counsellor, and a very successful minister. The memorial of these worthies, yours and ours, will never perish. Men who win empires write their names in dust, but men who win souls carve theirs upon the pillars of eternity.

The tide of emigration, bearing continually westward so much of the fruit of your labour, must not dismay you. Your spiritual children, though, like the "strangers" to whom Peter wrote, "scattered" and sundered, are, as they were, "elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." The precious results of your toil, though removed, will not be lost; gone from

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