

Mr. McClure was born in Dublin, Ireland, in the year 1804. His father was one of the first ministers of the New Connexion Methodist Church in Ireland. Commendatory of the father, the son makes the following record in his diary:—"Despising danger and trouble, he nobly and successfully defended the cause of justice, freedom and truth, and God honoured him in a very particular manner, by giving him many souls for his hire."

In reference to his conversion, we have learned that when yet a mere youth "he had retired in solitude to walk on the sea shore, taking with him his Bible. The God of the Bible spoke to him through its truths, and rising from his rocky seat, he went on his way rejoicing—the spirit of adoption in his heart, and the praise of God on his tongue."

"This servant of the Most High endured many hardships, and filled many positions of trust in his native land, till about the year 1847 or 1848, when he was appointed by the English Missionary Committee of the New Connexion Methodist Church, to come over to this country, to be associated with the Superintendent of the Canadian Mission in the oversight of its interests, and also to give himself to regular circuit work. His first charge in Canada was in this city. He remained here for three years, and since that time his ministrations extended from Montreal in the east to London in the west, under the system of ministerial itinerancy known to Methodism."

His death was most sudden. "He had returned to this city after a fortnight's absence, and on the 17th ult., he was found in the morning, after retiring to bed in his usual health, to be almost unconscious; after lingering a few hours, without any power of communication with the friends that lovingly gathered at his bedside, on the afternoon of the last Lord's day (February 19th), in the 68th year of his age, his spirit passed into the presence of his God."

"The pulpit services of the deceased were chiefly remarkable for their faithfulness and instructiveness, careful and systematic in preparation. The varied stores of knowledge which he had treasured up were laid under contribution for the most efficient fulfilment of this, the first and leading function of the clerical office. So abundantly were his ministrations enriched with the wealth of his cultivated and gifted mind, that the words of Christ had an unquestioned application to him.—"A scribe, instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven, like unto a man that is an house-holder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."

"As a pastor of that church he had delighted in shepherding his flock—in seeking those who were lost. In prosperity as in adversity his sympathies with them had ever been quick, and true, and strong. His was a generous, varied nature, and he was especially thoughtful and tender with the young."

"He was blessed with a more than ordinarily evenly balanced nature. His intellectual power and his range of knowledge, were in advance of the most of his associates in the ministry; but, however this might be, they were not in advance of the moral power which guided and controlled the action of these intellectual forces. But above and beyond all this he had entered the school of Christ. Taking His yoke upon him, he had learned of Him; who was meek and lowly in heart, and had found rest for his soul."

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### MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY JUBILEE MEETING.

The fiftieth anniversary of this important and valuable Society was held in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James street, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 25th of January. The Hon. James Ferrier, Senator, President, in the chair. The night was intensely cold, yet the spacious building was filled to overflowing by a deeply interested audience, who listened with eager solicitude to the gifted men by whom they were addressed, and in whose argu-