

Presbyterian Church has sustained in the death of our much loved and honoured friend, Mrs. Daniel Gordon. As many already know, Mrs. Gordon was present at the Annual Meeting in Hamilton, on the 8th and 9th of April. Those who saw her then were painfully struck with the extreme frailty of her appearance, and there were some who felt that it was the last time they would have the privilege of seeing her on such an occasion, or of listening to her beloved voice. Doubtless she, herself, also thought that it was her last Annual Meeting.

After the meeting was concluded she came down to Toronto to visit her son, Dr. Gilbert Gordon. It was from his residence that her spirit passed to her Heavenly Home.

Her strength failed rapidly from the time of her arrival, and though she rallied somewhat after the first few days, the improvement was only temporary. Soon it was evident to herself, and to her friends, that the end was very near, and that end was "Peace, perfect Peace."

Her husband, daughter and six sons were with her at the last. To them, and to the other friends who lovingly ministered to her, she gave many precious last words, and then she, who had walked with God for many years, "was not," for He had taken her to His presence above.

Of her it was emphatically true,—as Rev. Dr. Laing said at her funeral,—that "absent from the body she was present with the Lord."

Others will speak of our friend's early life, of what she was to her husband and children, and to the congregation of which her husband is pastor; it is our wish chiefly to speak of what she was to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Gordon was one of the earliest prominent members of this Society, having always been on its Board, and the first and only President of the Stratford Presbyterian Society. Her deep interest in this branch of the Master's work had its origin long before the organization of our Society, even when she first consecrated all her powers to her Saviour's service. Her's was a zeal eminently controlled and guided by sound judgment and rare knowledge of Divine things. Few Christian women have been endowed to an equal degree with the power of presenting Bible truth so as to touch the heart, awaken the conscience, and influence the life. No one who has heard her speak on personal duty in reference to the work of Foreign Missions, will soon forget the deep impression made by her words. She based all her appeals on the teachings of the Bible, and was always ready to bring a "Thus saith the Lord," to enforce all she inculcated.