

harassed with anxiety as to its future, died at the residence of Mrs. Nisbet's father—Mr. Robert McBeath—in Kildonan. He had just completed the long and toilsome journey from Prince Albert, and his taking off had the more pathetic interest in that it was preceded some eleven days by the death of his wife, the partner of all his work among the Indians. Thus ended the life and work of our first Indian Missionary, a man for whom the Church has since shown her esteem by providing, by special contribution, for the education of his children, by erecting a monument in the Kildonan church-yard to perpetuate his memory, and by declaring, in her records, that he was "a singularly unselfish and devoted missionary."

A CHANGEFUL HISTORY.

For the four years following, *i.e.*, 1874-1878, the field at Prince Albert was manned by temporary substitutes, who, like Mr. Nisbet, had served an apprenticeship in the Home Mission field, and were ready to go wherever their services were required. They were the Rev. Hugh McKellar, now of Woodland, Ontario (1874-6), the Rev. D. C. Johnston, now of Beaverton, who went as mission teacher, but for part of his time was the only minister in the field, and conducted services in addition to his work as teacher (1876-9), and the Rev. A. Stewart, B.A., now of Clinton (winter of 1876-7). Towards the close of 1879, Miss L. M. Baker succeeded the Rev. D. C. Johnston as teacher, in which capacity she served the Church till she was obliged by ill health to retire in 1893. In 1877, Prince Albert, which had by this time grown to be a flourishing village, and the settlement about it among the largest and most important in the territories, was transferred from the Foreign to the Home Mission list, and other arrangements began to be inaugurated for supplying the spiritual needs of the Indians, who had retired altogether from the immediate neighborhood of Prince Albert, and