

m. He was married to Miss FAIRBANKS, sister to the Surveyor General. She died ten years ago, leaving no family.

Though constitutionally reserved, he was one of a most kindly, generous and obliging disposition. Slow to take a part in any controversy, yet once decided he kept his ground with inexorable tenacity of purpose. He loved peace and followed it to the end. In one thing, at least, we wish his example would be followed by all young ministers.—he never spoke in public unprepared or ill prepared. He lived a life of quiet Christian beneficence, and he gave up his spirit joyfully into His hands who redeemed it.—*Halifax Presbyterian Witness, of Feb. 20.*

Departure of Rev. John Sinclair.

to the Editor of the Monthly Record :

SIR:—I hope you will excuse me for once more intruding within your columns, from a desire to express the great cause of lamentation which many have on account of the departure of the Rev. John Sinclair from this Province. His loss will be grievously felt by all those whose mother tongue is the Gaelic, for he was a faithful, esteemed and beloved pastor, and a most acceptable preacher of the Gospel. All interested in the prosperity of our Zion, in this part of the Province, have great reason to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church that he directed him to our shores to build and establish that branch of his Church with which we are connected by so loving ties. He was a brave-minded man, and as we believe endowed, in large measure, with the spirit of his calling, according to the grace of Christ, through whom he faithfully discharged all his ministerial duties. During his laborious efforts for the space of three years as a missionary, and two years as minister of the Roger's Hill congregation, he held, to the rejoicing of his heart, the stakes of our Zion fastened and her cords strengthened; and through the successful efforts of those who applied to the affectionate mother Church, almost every station is at present supplied with ministers. At the same time, those to whom the Gaelic language is still dear, when the sacramental feasts of the summer season return, will feel the loss of the Rev. John Sinclair, to whom, in the Gaelic services, his brethren in the ministry accorded the pre-eminence. As a good scribe he brought out of the treasure of the Word things new and old, whereby the flock of the fold was fed, and the lambs received the sincere milk of the Word. The congregations of Roger's Hill and Cape John who showed their sincere attachment to him, will no doubt feel in a special manner the loss of his faithful services. All who knew him must partake of their sorrow and regret, and wherever his Master may appoint him, desire his prosperity in all things as a minister of Christ. It is earnestly to be hoped that a congregation

manifesting so great zeal for the cause, and so fond an anxiety to provide for the comfort of a settled minister, will not be long without a pastor. Many fathers and strong men in Israel, who were posts in the Church, have been called away from the land of their pilgrimage. Their loss too will be felt, and may He who is able, raise up others in their places in the Church. Begging you will excuse those few lines.

I am, &c.

WILLIAM McLEOD.

Onslow, Feb. 1864,

Presentations to the Rev. J. Sinclair.

PRIOR to the departure of the Rev. J. Sinclair for Scotland, he received the following testimonials from the respective congregations of which he had the oversight, and which have been forwarded for publication:—

CAPE JOHN, Jan. 4, 1864.

To the Rev. John Sinclair, Minister of the united congregations of Roger's Hill and Cape John.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:

Before your departure from amongst us, we beg permission to bear our testimony to the zeal and alacrity with which you discharged the various and arduous duties imposed upon you, since your arrival in this Province.

Having become our pastor, your ministrations in this section of your charge were attended with much labor and fatigue, yet they were faithfully and punctually performed, even without a murmur,—your unwearied attendance upon the sick, and your care for the spiritual training and welfare of the young, was more than we could expect, and such as we would desire.

Rev. Sir,—Inbued with that charity that thinketh no evil, it must have been pleasing to yourself and most gratifying to us, to witness the manner in which you have succeeded in gaining, not only the confidence and respect of those immediately connected with our Church, but also of the other Christian denominations settled among them, by fostering a spirit of unity and brotherly kindness, without which no vital religion can exist.

Dear Sir,—Out of respect for your feelings, we will not give utterance to the dejection and forebodings felt by us on the announcement of your determination to leave us; we would rather dwell on the recollection of our former sweet fellowship, and recall to mind the sentiment, "Friends may part, but distance alone cannot change the heart!" No! even the wide Atlantic cannot deprive us of your sympathy, and an interest in your prayers.

Knowing the hardships you had endured, while laboring amongst us, we forbear to urge you to promise to return to us, yet we cherish the fond hope that Providence has designed