

special privileges granted them of God.

1. *Consider the nature and extent of these calamities.*

(1) Those connected with the destruction of Jerusalem.— Cf. JOSEPHUS on the "Wars of the Jews."

(2) Those connected with the second coming of Christ.— Cf. Zech. 14: 1-21; Rev. 11: 1-19; Matt. 24: 37-39.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

1. Acceptance of Him secures salvation, with all that that implies.

2. Rejection of Him will be followed by condemnation everlasting, with all that that implies.

3. Christ ever holds out before His disciples and the people the possibility of being deceived by others in respect to all things.—He says, "take heed."

4. True disciples of Christ need not be alarmed in the midst of the most terrible convulsions, political, commercial or physical.—"Be ye not troubled."

5. Suffering for Christ's sake must be expected; but "Be not anxious."—"Ye shall be hated of all for my name's sake; but he that shall endure to the end, shall be saved."

6. The prophecies of the O. T. are not fancy pictures, but predictions of events that must be fulfilled. They should then be carefully studied.

7. What incentives here to study and practice God's word.

THE LATE MRS. D. B. BLAIR.

The late Mrs. Blair, whose maiden name was Mary Sibella McLean, was the second daughter of Captain Hector Hugh McLean, of the 93rd regiment, and Ann McLeod. She was truly a daughter of the Church, for on the mother's side she belonged to a family of whom several generations in succession were ministers of the Presbyterian Church, both in Scotland and in America.

Her great-grandfather was the Rev. Archibald McLean, minister of the parish of Kilfinichen and Ross, Mull about the middle of the last century. He was an eminent minister of the Gospel, and was commonly known among the people by the name of Mr. Archibald.

Her mother's father was the Rev. Neil McLeod, of whom Dr. Samuel Johnson said that "he was the clearest-headed man that he had met with in the Western

Islands." He married Margaret McLean daughter of Mr. Archibald whom he succeeded as minister of the parish of Ross, Mull, and was the father of the Rev. Alexander McLeod, D. D., of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, New York, whose son was the Rev. John Neil McLeod, Mrs. Blair's cousin.

The Rev. Dr. McLean, president of Princeton College, New Jersey, was her mother's cousin, being a descendant of Mr. Archibald. A cousin of her grandfather, Neil McLeod, was Rev. Norman McLeod, minister of Morven, towards the end of last century, whose two sons were ministers in the Church of Scotland, viz Dr. Norman McLeod of Campsie and latterly of St. Columba, and Dr. John McLeod, of Morven, who succeeded his father. Each of these also had sons in the ministry, one of whom was the late Rev. Dr. Norman McLeod of the Barony Church, Glasgow.

All these eminent servants of the Lord in the Gospel have joined the General Assembly and Church of the first-born, it may be therefore truly said that she has been gathered to her people.

Captain McLean was the son of Lachlan McLean, of Bun-essan, commonly called Lachlan-Ban (i. e. Lachlan the Fair). When the Captain retired from the army he lived for some time at Cairsaig on the south side of Ross, Mull, his family consisting of three children, viz., Margaret Burnet, Lachlan Allau, and Mary Sibella the youngest.

Mary Sibella was born at Carsaig, on the 9th of Nov. 1821. When she was ten years old her father removed to Campbellton, in Kintyre, in order that his children might have an opportunity of attending the Academy or High School taught by Dr. Brunton in that place and thus receive the benefit of a good education. Here they continued for some years attending the high school, and after leaving school Mary went to England to live with a near relative in Yorkshire. When Mrs. McLean became a widow she returned to Mull with her two daughters, Margaret and Mary, and for a time resided with her widowed sister, Mrs. McLean, of Ardfinnig in Ross, Mull. Here they lived at the time of the disruption in 1843, and from their well-known sympathy with the evangelical party, they cast in their lot with, and became zealous advocates of the principles of, the Free Church of Scotland.

In the winter of 1844 Mary became acquainted with him who was destined to be her future husband while he was in