

Record were well acquainted with Dr. Cairns, as he was commonly called. Deceased was a native of Jedburgh, Scotland, the place where "the seraphic Rutherford" received his first education. The family consisted of five, of which he was the only son. The kindness of an uncle enabled him to study medicine in Paris. For a while he was professionally engaged on board a ship, during which time he visited India. He was a Christian doctor. Scoffers often made sport of his praying by the bedside of his patients. At length he exchanged the practice of medicine for the gospel ministry. For a short time he was pastor of a congregation in Ontario. The writer is not aware that he ever had another charge. For thirty years he was a missionary, first of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and latterly of the United Church. He laboured with great zeal and activity. In very many places, he was the first minister ever seen there. One who was well acquainted with him says, "he did an amount of walking that few of our young men would, or could have done." About a year before his death, he had a stroke of palsy which affected his mind as well as his body, so that he wrote most bitter things against himself. Towards the end his body became utterly paralyzed, but his mind became more composed. Among his last words were "Jesus is my Saviour." The departed was not without his faults. Who is? often his zeal was not tempered with prudence. His heart however, we doubt not, was right. We believe that he is now free from imperfections. His labours in Christ's service have not altogether been in vain.

Many years ago he laboured as a missionary in Metis, Que. The older part of the church there was built with money, the most of which was raised by his efforts. A sermon with reference to his death was therefore preached on Sabbath, April 4th, by the pastor—a native of the same place as the deceased. The text was Job xix, 25-7. The pulpit was for a month draped in mourning as a mark of respect to his memory. A minute relating to the event has been inserted in the Session Record. It may here be stated that a church near Bracebridge, Ontario, is named after the deceased. May the removal of the subject of this notice stir up his surviving fellow-labourers to greater activity in doing their Master's work while it is day!

Book Notice.

MEMOIR OF ROBERT PATERSON, D.D., KIRKWALL, by his Brother, the Rev. John Paterson, Dollar. Crown 8vo, 492 pp. Sold by W. Drysdale & Co., 232 St. James' Street, Montreal.

A sketch of the subject of this memoir was given in our pages fifteen months ago, and now we call attention to the fact that it can be obtained from the booksellers named above. The volume is in all respects well got up. The biographer has acquitted himself more than creditably, and the publishers have quite sustained their good reputation. We advise our readers to procure the volume; and they will find that, having commenced to read it, they must read it on and on till they reach the close. "The Bishop of all the Orkneys," as Dr. Paterson was often called, maintained an excellent character from first to last, laboured for nearly fifty years to one of the largest congregations in Scotland, and succeeded in planting eight churches in the group of islands which lay around him, where previously ignorance and sin had much abounded. His letters alone will amply repay a careful perusal. They are never prosy; they always exhibit fine feeling; and the whole memoir will be found valuable and interesting.