

compromising hatred of sin was tempered by mercy and sorrow for the offender. At our meetings for prayer, where, when he led, every sound was hushed; for prayer was his preëminent gift, in the exercise of which he was deemed by competent judges to be without an equal.—In the sick room, and by the afflicted; for into the hearts of sufferers, his strong good sense, blended with true christian tenderness, at once infused consolation. At the communion Friday meetings, at which, when he rose to speak to the "question," every ear was attentive, for his words were the outflow of a rich, personal experience.

Will it be deemed an anti-climax to say that he will be missed hardly less at social gatherings? For the good old Deacon had a keen sense of the ludicrous; he dearly loved an innocent jest; nor was his the narrow Pharisaism which sullenly, sourly throws upon harmless amusement.

A firm adherent of the Church of his fathers, he lamented the dissensions by which its unity was marred; at the same time that his charity enabled him to maintain kindly intercourse with Christians of all denominations.

His latter years were almost exclusively devoted to the visiting of the sick; and it was during one of his many journeys of this nature that the illness overtook him of which he died. Even upon his death-bed, his peculiarly self-denying disposition displayed itself with reference to some afflicted neighbours whose necessity he regarded as greater than his own, and care for whom he enjoined with peculiar solemnity upon his and their pastor. Need it be added that his end was peaceful, triumphant,—ours only the loss—sorrowing, but in hope? The vast crowds of mourners who attended at his funeral, attested the affection with which he was regarded, and the greatness of the deprivation which his departure has occasioned. But few now survive of that band of emigrants of whom he was one. "The fathers, where are they? The prophets, do they live for ever?" They have handed down to us a precious legacy. It remains that we be "followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

D. M. R.

Letters to the Editor.

Letter from Convener of Foreign Mission Committee.

MR. EDITOR,—

As the time for Mr. Robertson's departure is approaching, it is necessary to remind our congregations that contributions will be accepted from all who feel desirous to aid the Mission. I have respectfully to request of Ministers to solicit the attention of their congregations timely to this matter, that opportunity may be given to such as may feel disposed to contribute articles of home-made cloth, etc.; and this will require some previous notice in order to have it in readiness. From the liberality shown, on the eve of Mr. Goodwill's departure, it is certain that if our people are appealed to, our other Missionary's boxes will be as many as he can conveniently take charge of; and I will therefore only add, that every individual who will thus contribute is helping the cause of Christ, and doing a work which, if done from a Christian motive, will be owned and rewarded by Him. I have requested our Missionary to give particulars in reference to the most suitable contributions for the Mission, and also to give directions as to the best way of making up and securing the boxes.

It will be seen from Mr. Goodwill's letter in the last *Record* that it is very desirable a certain quantity of such articles as he speaks of should be forwarded to him by Mr. Robertson. Our merchants could easily supply, from their refuse, in abundance, the very articles which the poor savages would highly prize.

A. MACLEAN.

Statistics.

TABUSINTAC, April 26, 1871.

DEAR SIR,—

Allow me to correct various inaccuracies that appeared in the "Abstract of Report of Statistical Committee from the Presbytery of Miramichi." The congregation referred to is St. Andrew's, Tabusintac, a charge united with St. David's, Burnt Church.

1. The statement of salary promised refers only to the proportion promised by the Tabusintac congregation, and is a third part of the real salary. No notice is taken of the Burnt Church congregation, which, aided by an Admiralty grant, of which it has lately been deprived, has paid the Missionary \$200 per annum. It may be men-