

In the report of the Trustees mention is made of a bequest of one thousand dollars received from the executors of the late Mr. David J. Greenshields "to help the deserving poor of the congregation." The same large-hearted donor bequeathed *ten thousand dollars* for the Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and one third of the amount, \$3,333.33, was this year paid into the Home Mission treasury. The executors of the late Mr. William Christie have also handed to the Treasurer of the Kirk-Session the sum of \$500, being one-half of Mr. Christie's bequest to the Session "to be dispensed in such acts of benevolence and mercy as the Lord may incline them to, with the suggestion that the same or any part thereof may be employed in assisting any poor worthy student struggling to become an ordained missionary or minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." The considerations which moved our late venerable and beloved brother to make this disposition of a portion of his property are stated with touching pathos in his last will and testament as follows:—"I hereby will and bequeath to the Session of St. Paul's Church of Montreal in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, of which I have been an ordained elder since the year 1845, and in full communion with the congregation since its formation in 1832, the sum of one thousand dollars &c.; and feeling that such a lengthened Christian fellowship, with its concurrent blessings, causes me, an aged Pilgrim, to make this demonstration of love and attachment to my beloved Zion and place of worship—praying that peace may be within her walls."

The memory of our departed friends is indeed blessed. We do not sorrow for them "as others which have no hope." Let it be our aim to imitate them in so far as they followed the example of HIM who went about continually doing good.

A few short years of evil past,
We reach the happy shore,
Where death-divided friends at last
Shall meet, to part no more.

In name and in behalf of the Kirk-session.

31st December, 1883.

THOMAS A. GIBSON,
Clerk.