

‘Be ye also ready;’ ‘gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope unto the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.’

“I cannot leave this subject without adverting to the circumstances attending the close of Mr. Cassie’s ministerial labours, as connected with the peculiarly sudden and unexpected termination of life. While it came on him in one respect truly ‘as a thief in the night,’ in another it was as if all had been preparing for it. As there was much of *completeness in Christ* in his character, so Providence ordered that there should be a peculiar completeness in his finishing up of his ministerial career. He was not only allowed to demit his charge of the congregation (whose interests lay very near his heart), in circumstances which comforted *him*, and which seemed agreeable to all, but to preach to you thereafter his farewell sermon, to go to Montreal and take part in the Union he had so long desired; and still further, it was ordered, as if in the way of *finishing* his testimony before leaving for Immanuel’s land, he this day week preached once more to the former part of his charge at Perrytown and Oakhill; and in the latter place occupied the self-same pulpit in which, in your old church, he had begun, twenty-six years ago, his youthful ministry among you. ‘His course’ was now finished, and we believe he ‘kept the faith;’ and on the third morning thereafter, with appalling suddenness to us but in great kindness to him, came the call, ‘come up hither!’

“‘Servant of God well done!
Praise be thy new employ,
The battle’s fought, the victory’s won,
Rest in thy Saviour’s joy.’

“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.”

LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.

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DEAR SIR,—I beg to offer you my sincere congratulations on the Canada Union lately effected. I trust all parties concerned will have wisdom and grace to conduct themselves so that, under God’s blessing, peace and prosperity will be enjoyed. You will see from the report of the Scottish U. P. Synod, that that body unanimously expressed the most cordial good will toward the new denomination. I have conversed privately on the subject with a number of most respectable people, and I find that they are all delighted that a junction has taken place, and anticipate happy results. At the same time, I have met no one who does not earnestly say, that the most proper basis of union is just a candidly avowed forbearance respecting the province of the civil magistrate in matters of religion. Among the United Presbyterians I think, a union in this country is generally expected and eagerly desired; but every one seems to feel that the time has not come. In