

the world, and the request be put in a somewhat testy manner, but his letters were always in the same courteous tone. Presbyterianism in the colonies has, in his death, suffered a great loss, quite as great as the church at home.

It is but a few months since we received from him one of those courteous letters and the free will offering of the Irish Church to our supplementary fund of £50 stg.

His memory will be specially dear to many in New Brunswick. The notice of the "Advocate" closes thus:

We observe by the home papers that his end was peace, that he enjoyed in his closing hours very fully the consolations of the gospel which he had so often tried to convey to others. His testimony in a dying hour was not doubtful, it was clear and definite. He attained to the great age of 73, and may be said to have died in harness, which we think is a far more desirable end than to be laid aside for a time in debility and weakness, both mental and physical. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

We have received the following letter from Rev. Mr. McLean, Leitch's Creek.

CHARLES DAWSON,

our Catechist, finished his christian course on Sabbath morning, the 29th ult., beging then about the 53 years. He was a christian, much beloved by all who knew him. In prayer he excelled many. In exhortation he was earnest and impressive, and his conversation exemplary. The people had profound respect for him, and never wearied in listening to him while he urged upon them the things pertaining to their everlasting peace. He was poor in this world, but rich in faith, and an heir of the kingdom which God has provided for them that love Him. For many years he had been afflicted with lameness in his left foot, which much impaired his usefulness and comfort. For the last two years he had suffered much with repeated attacks of biliousness by which he had been brought to the brink of the grave, and which finally carried him away. In these trying times his mind maintained a superlative heavenliness, wishing to be with the Lord. He had many communings with his own heart on his bed, which enabled him to give sweet counsel to those who ministered to his comfort. His last illness, which was short, prostrated his physical powers and senses to a degree that disqualified him for much speaking; but the sweet smile of his countenance indicated his communion was with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. His spirit at length spread its wings, passed the gates of Death, and was instantly present with the Lord.

MURDO McDONALD.

Not far from his resting place in Boulardie, were laid the remains of another choice follower of Jesus, Murdo McDonald, one of Mr. Fraser's Elders. He had maintained a consistent character for a long term of years. His influences in the field was avowed by all, and now his death is greatly lamented. The Great Husbandman is thus gathering home his sheaves one by one, some of barley, others of wheat, according as He sowed. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

REV. JAS. FRASER.

On the 8th inst., after a painful and protracted illness, in which the digestive organs refused to discharge their functions, the Rev. James Fraser, Boulardrie, ended a life of 75 years, much lamented by his sorrowing family and flock. The members of Presbytery with whom the departed has been long an associate, and who are acquainted with many of the interesting incidents in his career during a gospel ministry of about 38 years, were requested to furnish a statement for the public prints. Thus while the righteous are dead, they still live among us. Let us be of the blessed who eat bread in the kingdom of God.

## Intelligence.

### New Glasgow Fire.

We are pained to record a fearful conflagration in the flourishing town of New Glasgow by which between 40 and 50 buildings have been destroyed. Many of these were two and three stories in height, and filled with imported and manufactured ware of all kinds. Merchants have lost their shops and much of their goods either burned or injured. Mechanics have lost their homes, their material, and the machinery and implements of their trade. In some cases, merchants and tradesmen have lost both their dwelling house and places of business. Some have their losses partially covered by insurance, but in other cases and these more numerous than they ought to be, the loss is unmitigated.

The Primitive Church is gone, one of our most spirited, active, and liberal congregations has lost its place of worship, which had just been enlarged, renovated, thoroughly finished and paid for. The building was covered with a fair amount of insurance.

We sympathize with the people generally, and with the congregation specially,