

thusiasmatic manner. School arrangements soon completed, preaching hours planned, meetings for inquirers fixed, and all other necessary agencies set agoing. Until they could speak the native language a catechist accompanied them as interpreter; but indeed, to recount Mr. Taylor's labours in the Punjab in the short space allotted us in the *Record* would be impossible. Suffice to say that for eight years he laboured with an assiduity and earnestness that cannot be too highly commended. The versatility of his powers made him invaluable when schools and orphanages and the church were to be erected, and when new stations were to be opened. He had to sustain the varied characters of secretary, treasurer, architect, &c., and in all of them merited praise. His unwavering confidence in God's providence almost never forsook him. This was often remarked even by his school and college companions. When difficulties crowded in upon the mission, he would cheerfully say, "Let us wait and work in hope; God will soon open up a way."—And that he had at least the ordinary amount of difficulties to surmount, and trials to contend with, is evident from his private correspondence. They began with parental opposition to his going to a foreign land, and ended only with his death. The captious objections of the Mussulmans, the faithlessness and worldly-mindedness of many who presented themselves as anxious inquirers, the lamentable ignorance and depravity of the many hundreds with whom he came constantly in contact, as well as family affliction and the occasional checks and remonstrances from "the powers that be" at home—those often chafed and vexed but never unnerved him. Many clergymen and laymen in the Church can testify to his energy and perseverance in raising money by bazaars, church collections, and private subscriptions, to wipe away all debt from Hunter's Memorial Church or to build schools and orphanages where the native children might be domiciled and educated. So far back as the year 1864 he strongly urged the plan of out-stations, recommended in this month's (April) *Record*. Speaking of it he says, "I am convinced that this is the only plan that will be successful on a scale which we have never before experienced. The people see so little of us in our four or five month's itineration that it is not wonderful they are so little impressed by our services." During the first four years of his labours he was strong and vigorous, never suffering even from headache. At the end of that period he had several attacks of fever and ague, and in 1866 his health was so much impaired that he was advised to take a voyage home. But as convalescence showed itself he was unwilling to leave the mission at a time when his place could not be supplied. He therefore resumed his duties, resolved to work on for other two years, when he would take a lengthened furlough. A second severe

attack, however, compelled him to abandon that intention, and in June 1867, he landed with his wife and family on his native shore. For several months he appeared to improve in health so steadily, that at Dr. Macleod's request he undertook the ministerial charge of the Barony Parish during his absence in India. On this he was never able to enter. During the winter months his weakness gradually increased; still his hopes of recovery were so great that he had made arrangements to return to Scotland in autumn. The medical report that nothing organically wrong could be seen, confirmed his opinion that sunshine and warm weather would restore him to health and to his duties. In this belief he continued till the day before his death, when he felt that his race was run and his labours ended. Addressing his wife, he said, "Till to-day I never contemplated this. I am ready, but for your sake I should have liked to have been spared a little longer. I thought God had more work for me to do. I leave you in the hands of the Lord; He will provide for you." The following evening he expired without a struggle.

His race was short but successful. Young in years, he was prematurely old from hard service. He was a faithful friend, honest in reproof, kind and cordial in advice. Religion early and deeply imbedded in his soul, animated and guided him through life, making him a consistent Christian, and an ardent missionary. In many respects greater men may succeed him in the mission-field, but it will be difficult to find one more faithful and devoted to Truth and the Cross. He was spared, and it rejoiced his heart, to see one prayer of his answered, "Oh, that some of our Church leaders could see with their own eyes the nature and difficulties of our work!" Let us hope and pray that his early death may help to bring a speedy answer to that other wish which he so often breathed, "Oh, that our ministers and church members at home could accompany us for a short time in our labours among the heathen, how soon would zeal supplant indifference, and pity enlarge their liberality!"—*H. and F. Missionary Record.*

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DUMFRIES.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Dumfries, held on Thursday the 26th March, the Rev. Mr. Wier, late assistant to Mr. Charteris, Glasgow, was inducted to the charge of Greyfriar's congregation, rendered vacant by the Rev. Mr. McLeod, to Montrose.

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NENTHORN.—The Presbytery of Kelso met in the Parish Church of Nenthorn on Thursday the 12th March, and ordained the Rev. Henry Grey Graham minister of that parish.