

greatest blessing to the unfortunate sufferers who seek its shelter. He ceased his personal exertions for that noble charity only to retire from all earthly scenes and rest from his labors.

His life *was full of thought and care* for the churches. He was a willing and efficient co-laborer with my honored and lamented predecessor, the late Rev. Dr. Topp, in all the combined efforts so happily culminated in the union of the various branches of the Presbyterian Church in this Dominion. At the time when so many conflicting interests were to be harmonized, there was great need of calm and fair judgment, wise and firm counsels, cordial and conciliatory sympathy. These qualities of mind and heart, possessed in an eminent degree by this good man, fitted him to be an instrument, with others of like character, moved by the Spirit of God, to cement a union which every year justifies as most providential and beneficial to the best interests of religion. Every Session of General Assembly since the Churches united in one organization has been favored with his venerable presence; and no layman has wielded a greater influence in the sessions and decisions of that court. He had the broadest views of the service of God, and of means for the promulgation of truth. They commanded respect and attention, because all who knew and heard him felt that he was moved in all he said and did by the supreme desire for the glory of God. He was deeply interested in the cause of college education for the ministry, feeling the vast and increasing call the Church is making for pastors and teachers competent to lead them in the work of evangelizing the world. His hand laid the foundation stone of Knox College; in its prosperity he always delighted, and among his last acts of beneficence assisted in the endowment to perpetuate and secure to the Church its advantages and facilities for ministerial education. Though at times his judgment of plans might differ from dear friends of the