

the birth of the son, to whose voice he now listened for the first time as a preacher of the gospel, he had dedicated that son to the ministry, and had watched and directed all his youthful studies with this object in view. His own ardent and sincere piety, manifested by his Sabbath school labours and by a constant and consistent christian walk which led him so often to visit the bed of sickness, was a lesson not lost on his son; and to this must be added his communion with so many christian ministers and missionaries, to whom his house was always a home. Many were the prayers offered at that family altar by such men as William Burns, the future missionary to China, and other servants of God, for the guidance and future success of the young student. The advice and paternal solicitude of the Rev. Dr. Urquhart and Mr. Kay, and the Rev. Dr. Bain of Perth, were also of valuable assistance in moulding his religious character; and to these favorable influences must be added the effect produced by the letters of a dear college companion whose sudden and unexpected conversion from a state of thoughtless indifference to deep religious conviction produced a most powerful and abiding effect on his mind.

After receiving his license Mr. Mackerras spent a couple of months in preaching for his ministerial friends in different parts of Canada, from Quebec to Toronto. In the following September he received two calls, one from Uxbridge and the other from Bowmanville. He accepted the latter, and being duly ordained and settled in that charge he continued in the diligent discharge of his duties as pastor of the congregation until he was appointed to the classical chair at Kingston in the year 1864. He was also, while minister at Bowmanville, appointed Clerk to the Synod; and in the midst of his multifarious duties, he still found time to devote unflinching attention to the study of the ancient languages.

In the year 1860, in the month of March, he was called on to mourn the loss of his fond father, then in his 60th year, who died suddenly while sitting in his chair conversing with his youngest daughter (Jane), who never perfectly recovered from so severe a shock, and she passed away in 1866.

Shortly after his assuming the classical professorship, he was united in marriage, in August, 1865, to the daughter of Judge Dennistoun, Peterboro, a lady who endeared herself to the students by many acts of kindness, and who now has their deep sympathy in her bereavement.

Of his college career and excellent character it is not necessary for us again to speak, as Dr. Williamson treated the former in a thorough manner, and Dr. Grant the latter. But we might add, as it is not otherwise mentioned, that he continued uninterruptedly at the college work, in which he delighted, for ten years, then he was advised to go, much against his will, in 1874, to Europe, accompanied by his wife. He sailed soon after the Ottawa meeting of the Synod, landing at Glasgow in July of that year. Remaining a few weeks in Scotland his mother land, he spent the month of August in London under the care of Dr. Mac-

kenzie, then returned again to Scotland and remained there till October, when he proceeded to the south of France and Italy. He returned home again just in time for the Union Meeting of the Assembly in Montreal in 1875, greatly revived by the tour.

Concerning his travels, all will remember the interesting account he furnished to the JOURNAL a few years ago; and we are now able through the kindness of his sister, to furnish selections from letters written to her while he was away on his European tour, which will be found deeply interesting. They are masterpieces of easy epistolary writing, and convey, we think, a better idea of his striking talent in that way than his contributions to the JOURNAL.

THE FUNERAL.

As arrangements were made for conveying the remains of the Rev. Prof. Mackerras to Kingston, the first funeral rites were conducted by the Revs. Torrance and Bell and Principal Grant at the residence of his father-in-law, Judge Dennistoun, of Peterboro, on Monday morning at 6 o'clock.

The brief, but impressive, services being over, the remains were at once conveyed to the Midland R.R. station, followed by a large number of friends and relatives who, notwithstanding the early hour, were anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded of paying a last tribute of respect to one whom they loved so dearly.

The body, accompanied by R. H. Dennistoun, J. F. Dennistoun, Principal Grant, G. M. Macdonnell and others, was conveyed from Peterboro to Kingston over the Midland and Grand Trunk R.R.'s, arriving at the latter place at about 2 o'clock P.M. Here they were met by an immense assemblage of friends, citizens and students, showing how deeply sensible all were of the sad fact that one of their greatest and best had been taken from among them. Feeling keenly his loss to city and college alike, they had assembled to do honor to his memory.

The funeral procession was then formed, D. M. McIntyre, B.A., President of the Alma Mater Society, acting as Grand Marshal, and proceeded from the depot to the city, in the following order:

- Pupils of Collegiate Institute.
- Medical Students with crape and memorial badges.
- Divinity Students and Arts' Students in academic costume with crape and memorial badges.
- Staff of Queen's College Journal.
- Clergy.
- The Very Rev. the Moderator of the General Assembly.
- Hearse.
- Pallbearers:
- Principal Grant, Prof. Mowat, Prof. Dupuis, Drs. Fowler, Lovell and Sullivan.
- Mourners.
- Friends and relations of deceased.
- Professors of Queen's College.
- Staff of Military College.
- Professors of Royal College.
- Teachers of the Collegiate Institute.