

Returns, your progress in learning. As the best of all knowledge is that of God and of Jesus Christ, we hope that your kind teachers do not fail to communicate to you that also.

We meet as a Sabbath School once a week, to the number of 110, and have 14 teachers. Our school is opened and closed with singing and prayer, and we read and repeat verses from the Bible, and listen to the instructions of our faithful teachers, who give us interesting books to read at home, where we enjoy the care and attention of parents and friends. You, again, are in a land of darkness, and have no parents, and must, as you grow up, expect to meet with many temptations to turn you from the right path; but we pray that you may cleave to the God of the Bible, and therefore have we sent you a Bible, which was purchased by our free and united offerings, and which we beg of you to accept as a token of affection and desire for your welfare.

Dear Lydia, if you remember your Creator in the days of your youth, and seek Jesus early, He will watch over you and make you a lamb of His fold, and bring you to Heaven when you die. Then, though we may not see one another on earth, yet we shall meet in that better land where together we shall sing those hymns which we have been singing in our schools.

"O that will be joyful,  
When we meet to part no more."

Hoping to hear from you again at your leisure, and praying God to make you like the Lydia mentioned in the 16th chapter of the Acts, we subscribe ourselves, dear Lydia, your sincere friends and well-wishers,

THE SCHOLARS OF ST. ANDREW'S  
CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL.

The collection taken up to purchase the Bible amounted to \$5.50, evincing the deep interest with which the matter was entered into. It is gratifying to know that the youth are thus early having their attention directed to lands of heathenism and gross superstition, and actually taking part in foreign missionary work. Who can tell what may result—many years hence, it may be—from the receipt of this simple letter?

#### The late Rev. John Martin.

AFTER a discourse in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, by the Rev. George Boyd, from Isaiah lxiv. 6—"We all do fade as a leaf"—the recent demise of the Rev. John Martin was alluded to in the following terms:—

It seems called for, and is felt to be appropriate, that we should not close this discourse, without adverting to the very recent demise of the Rev. John Martin, whose remains yesterday were consigned to their last resting-place. Indeed, that event has largely determined the subject of our sermons to-day, and given impression to the whole service.

As is well known, that—till 8 or 9 years ago, when he was appointed to an office, under the auspices of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland—he had been for some 34 years the minister of this Church and congregation, so it would be as natural for you to desire and expect some allusion to his life and labours among you, as it would be unpardonable in me to omit it. At the same time, I am sure you would not desire me to depart from what I feel to be due to the sacredness and dignity of the pulpit, to indulge in flattering eulogy and highly coloured

eccomiiums on any one—however gifted, however eminent, however devoted in Christian labors, or however exemplary in Christian character.

It is admitted, on all hands, that he, who was once your minister, was in labors very abundant—both in pastoral and missionary work. And, especially in the days of his activity and vigour, he shrank not from bearing the burden and heat of the day, in more ways than one. And, there are many, in various parts of the Province, who will remember his missionary visits, and gratefully speak of his services, in localities where, at that time, there were but few opportunities of hearing the Gospel, and of having its ordinances administered.

He was, to all intents and purposes, a public man, both as a writer and a speaker; and his abilities and acquirements as such were of a high order.

Nor was he less known and distinguished as a preacher. Even in his later years, his pulpit ministrations were earnest, eloquent, and always evangelical. And, whatever may be the opinion as to his style of composition, or his manner of delivery, it is certain that, in his younger days especially, he was instructive and popular, as a minister of the glorious gospel of Christ.

We do not say that he was faultless. He had his failings and frailties, as, alas! which of us has them not? And he had also his own trials and anxieties, as the most of us have. He was kindly in his feelings, benevolent in his intentions, and large in his sympathies; and these traits of his character were exercised mostly for what he believed to be the interests and welfare of the Church.

His last illness was lingering, but painless. He bore it with becoming resignation; and we are informed that he intelligibly and suitably expressed his Christian confidence and hope that his eternal interests were safe in the hands of his merciful God and Saviour.

It would, then, say little for our seriousness and religious feeling, did we not all feel solemnized and saddened by this lesson, now borne home to our hearts and consciences, that here we have no continuance, and that the place that now knows us will soon know us no more for ever. And it would, indeed, be strange, if our older members and adherents, especially, did not feel it with regret and emotion, that now another blank is made, and another link is broken, in their connections and associations as a congregation worshipping in this place.

NEW CHURCH.—The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, has resolved upon erecting a new Church, on the site of the old one, immediately,—the cost of which, it is estimated, will be about \$8000.

THE ladies of St. George's Church, River John, purpose holding a Bazaar in the course of a few months, to assist in increasing the Manse Building Fund. Contributions will be thankfully received.

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#### Items of Intelligence.

THE Rev. John Jenkins, D. D., presented an application to the Presbytery of Montreal, at its last meeting, for admission into the Church of Scotland. Excellent testimonials respecting the Rev. gentleman's