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DEATH OF REV. WM. KING

tiement Unique in the Mistory of At World-A Few of the Traits of Chapter ter That Combined to Make Him

at 10 o'clock on Saturday evening, rem from our midst a man who has played an portant part in the history of the who continent, whose influence for good to been more extended than that of a amongst us, and whose name will go do to the ages as one who loved his fello

Last Sabbath he was in his accustomed in St. Andrew's Church, but remained in his room during the cold day followed. On Friday, however, 1 e ventured out for a few minutes, and parent the end was not far away of heart action became visibly weake life gradually ebbed away until o'clock the summons came w'rounded by the friends who low soul of the grand old hero

THE PUNERAL SERVICES, DO Tuesday) afternoon. A short serme a will onducted at the family reside hou at 2.30, after which the remains will but conveyed to St. Andrew's Church, whene the funeral services will be conducted and by the auspices of the Presbytery of Chat diam. The remains will be interred in Maplen Leaf

A memorial service will be conducting.
St. Andrew's Church—of the session which Mr. King was member for eight years—next Sabbath evening.

HIS LIFE.

An Uneventful Career Apart From the B

Rev. Wm. King was born November 1812, near Newton-Limavady, county Londonderry, Ireland; was educated Glasgow University. At the age of 21 emigrated with his parents to America a settled with them in the Six Mile Wood in June 1834. He remained with the one year, then went south and settled ituation as Rector of Matthew's Acades darried in 1840 Mary Phares," dam of John E. Phares, a planter, by who had two children, Theophilus and Elizabeth Chalmers. Theophilus de

and sold a plantation which he ow there, and manumitted his slaves, fifteen number, brought them to Canada and for ed the Buxton settlement, for the so and moral improvement of the colored ple in Canada, fully described below. labored until the close of the Ameriwar, when the affairs of the associativers wound up and the young men women who had been educated at the I ton Mission went south and found us employment there. In 1853 Mr. K married a second wife, Jemima N. Bardaughter of the Rev. David Baxter, m ter of Lillies Leaf, Scotland. Mrs. A died on the 7th of November, 1887, at I

ton, and Mr. King retired from public in 1888, and moved into Chathan, to an the evening of his days. During the year his constant companion guardian has been his niece, Mrs. Ja son, who for a number of years labore missionary in the island of Form The kindness and devotion exhibits this lady for her venerable uncle has that of no ordinary friend or even rela and much of the vigor of body and inte he exhibited, although past the allotted has been due to the constant and sage attention he has received at the hand Mrs. Jamieson, who, in her noble w

study-calm, collective and courage the outcome of early training and loss

perience in meeting and overcoming trials and difficulties of life, thus ever anon, adding a new impress upon a tenance of the leonine type. He was quick to make up his mind upon any lic question in which he was interested utmost range was closely scanned and fully examined, but when this had done, and the merits of the case judici considered, the line of action reveals self, and no general ever followed his solve with more tenacity, no vessel plowed her way through floating d the national warmth of his Irish and in the full vigor of manhood pi ing to his fellow-countrymen from t cony of the Royal Exchange Hotel fixed determination to strike the fi of slavery from a few of a down-trfell upon unwilling ears; the attitu tive; aweakeradvocate wouldhave so shelter from their taunts and jeers, so the sterner stuff of this narrati felt he was right, he knew he was and with a voice that overtopped dis uproar he stemmed the tide of pe

has just Departed This Life.

within baven," — " haven."

THE BLGIN SETTLEMENT.

Fruits of the Life Work of the Hero who Not Let it be distinctly understood at the part of the settlement. The house is and the contention and animosity which we are afraid will occur between both if they this year. tht, all do justice to the great work which Mr. It is a long log building, having a gallery and King conceived and carried to such a or verandah in front shaded by luxuriant ular handsome completion. In that work there grape vines. It is built on the plan of the fleet on its proceedings and pay a proper Lon- is ample information-valuable and inter- old southern homes, and who that has d and esting to constitute a large volume, and visited the place, so rich in its associations it is to be sincerely hoped that some one and so venerable in its origin, will ever foror, worthy and able for the task will under- get the air of remance that permeates diplotake it. Mr. King upon one occasion re-thown marked that, though it was perhaps not his part to say it, he thought the matter suf-leads up from the road and the tasteful

to himself, and some of the boys could easily arrange to leave their rooms at night and go out as a foraging party, which brought them considerable enjoyment and the institution, and the parties visitited, a corresponding damage. The far-seeing principal was not slow to see the evil and to apply the remedy. He reasoned with

Has Fallen.

her and so certain of timely assistance. the United States when but a youth, he annual installments. It was required that The change was made, and the boys were settled in Louisiana, where, during some sach settler should, immediately upon the staff could much more easily control in connection with the Louisiana College inferior to a prescribed model, 24x18 feet their assignment of pupils, and as a neccessary result the foraging parties were
soon a thing of the past.

In Consistant College
and 12 feet high, and enclosed in front with
spicket fence. The land was heavily
indicated its reason for being—hundreds
timbered with the foraging parties were
soon a thing of the past. following is taken :--

Mighty Man

health and morals of the pupils. The government is strict, and at the same time electric current in full flow between his parental, employing such discipline as may most effectually tend to call into action heart and his hand. A shake of his hand supplement the cordial grasp. There was always a striking difference between a receiving shake and one at parting. The former indicated a long continu-

It seemed as though there was a strong

of pleasure by its heartiness and length,

while the latter bespoke sorrow by its

aintness and shortness. On one occasion, when he and Dr. MacKay, of Formosa,

actions with him can testify to his un-

deviating rectitude. When in London

many years ago he had arranged to meet his wife, who was in Edinburgh, at Liver-

pool in time to take a certain steamer for New York. A severe illness overtook him; his physician refused him permission to travel and they were thus obliged to

cancel their passage and wait over until he

in this country that he would sail by

ply for more adequate nourishment for his

teen months ago and at the

of William King, assisted by four compet-ent and experienced teachers. The course branches of an English education; em-bracing also, Latin, Greek, French, and such other studies as are usually taught The circular is dated Dec. 2, 1841, and signed by William King, Rector.

met after a long separation, they shook hands and looked at each other, and neither spoke for considerable time. Words, as to the greeting, were wholly superfluous. Relief of the distressed was one of the pillars of his policy, and he fully realized in every day life that it is more blessed to rive than to receive. He loved the society knowledge this view, he nevertheless avoid children with all their noise and fun, ed such rash words and acts as would have and would encourage them in it all with caused him at once to forfeit the dwelt; and meantime he used his favorable standpoint to make himself familiar with What is worth doing at all is worth dothe strongest arguments that could be brought forward in favor of slavery, with the laws of the country respecting it, with will known to all. Throughout their lives the political and social conditions, and with william King and Archibald McKellar the character and capabilities of the color ited. His letters were all sorted and ed man, in order that no knowledge of the strength of the system should be wanting

in the midst of slavery it would be impossible for him to bring up his family unaffect cek. This habit was a great source of ed by its contaminating power, he resolved to remove from the sphere of its influence. With this in view he sold his plantation and in April, 1848, came to Canada with the same on horse back. To say that his word was as good as his bond would be common place. Those who have had business transplace. Those who have had business transplaces with him can testify to his uncomplete the planter's daughter mentioned above. These fifteen negroes formed the nucleus With this in view he sold his plantation and in April, 1848, came to Canada with These fifteen negroes formed the nucleus of the Settlement, but the number was largely increased by the influx into Canada consequent upon the passage of the fugitive slave bill by the United States Con

An incident, which it may not be out fifteen original slaves but one is alive to day. "old Robin," who is known to every res the steamer named, and so dent within several miles of Buxton. Uto the satisfied were they that he had done so that when they learned the steamer was lost, they had all preparations made for sending a party to investing ate, when they gladly learned the failure of his plans. dent within several miles of Buxton. Up was Mr. King's constant care that "old

When in good health he was an indus- | King visited several portions of the coun trious man; every avenue of usefulness was try, and by a judicious use of the stirring traversed; but as his health declined these venues were abandoned one by one, un- master, enlisted the sympathies of the Business, society, recreation, and all other many duties were allowed to lapse until the many duties were allowed to lapse until the number was reduced to a unit. From his apparently lonely room, with all the world shut, out there was one shut, out the state of shut, out the shut, out the state of shut, out the shut, out the shut, out the state of shut, out the shut, out the state of shut, out the shut, out the shut, out the state of shut, out the shut, out the state of shut, out the shut, ou him 7, 1850, and an act and of thes Legislature of the community. He was hooted and hiss-

His illness began nearly eighmen months ago and at the during all these long months.

Brown, James Osborne, Edward Cartwilliam P. William P. McLaren, William Miller, George Daviding. Here are the words of the Chatham time during all these long months of pain and suffering was he ever heard to complain, nor did a word of repining McColl, Archibald McKellar, Thomas that a strong current of public that a st nearer to Thee. Give me anything but
Thy displeasure. Save me from that
bitterest of all trials, the withdrawal of
Thy grace, the loss of Thy favor."

James Hayd was allowed to hold was limited to 9,000 acres, and they were prohibited from becoming a land speculating company. land speculating company.

As the end drew near and the power of THE LAND LAID OUT. speech became fragmentary, there was yet the shreds of the banner visible bearing the crystalized life, "Sands of time,"— Mr. King, with his assistants, immediately set about surveying and laying off the 9,000 acres, of which the grant consisted, into lots of 50 acres each. Having been unanimously appointed agent of the Elgin Association, he fixed his residence on the Settlemen which was formally christened Buxton. The house was located some distance back from the Middle Road, running east through the southern in the ficiently historical to merit a place in the of the country's annals. Wonder has been expressed that he did not himself undertake buildings, to render it one of the most of the mo

The L. E. & D. R. R. has a station in the southern part of the settlement, and the southern part of the sociations surrounding Mr. King's quaint home at Buxton may be sturdy abolitionist, and was partially successful, this while opposed in his views to see that a number of the sociations surrounding Mr. King's quaint home at Buxton may be sturdy abolitionist, and was partially successful, this while opposed in his views to see that a number of the most of the sturdy abolitionist, and was partially successful, this while opposed in his views to see part up, also of logs, immediately from the sturdy abolitionist, and was partially successful, this while opposed in his views to sturd abolitionist, and was partially successful, this while opposed in his views to successful, this while opposed in his views to see part up, also of logs, immediately from the second and moral improvement of the southern part.

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timbered with elm, oak, hickory, maple and ash, which had to be hewn down, consumed as d the brush wood cleared out before an ear of corn could be grown. The difficulties were indeed great but each of the procedure to the proce lifficulties were indeed great, but each from its circle preachers, teachers, lawyers, man understood on coming in that all he doctors, musicians, artisans and others, was to receive was the opportunity to make able to leave their imprint for good a home and acquire independence. "Work on society at large, its usefulness beor sink" was the motto and the results | ing at an end, its affairs were wound up. abundantly testify that nearly all adopted

William King's friends in his philanpropic movement were true to him and he sinded ambition challenged their admirasere Rev. Ir. Willisand tev Dr. Burns, each distinguished for protound piety and rare many of the youths show considerable lemes Scott Howard, of Toronto. Among the directors was the Hon. Archibald Mc-Cellar, afterwards Minister of Public Works of Ontario, and later Sheriff of ere bosom companions, both being fired

Another highly estemed friend be impossibly unaffect be resolved warm admirer and personal friend of Mr. King. Sir Oliver Mowat also evinced tangible sympathy with the Settlement scheme and in April, 1848, came to Canada with his slaves—fifteen in number—of whom he of gratitude he owed to Hon. George Brown

OPPOSITION TO THE SCHEME.

lusion that all was smooth sailing, that the scheme carried itself into successful the most bitter and determined opposi ion, not only on the part of the residents of Raleigh and neighborhood, but as well from influential people in various parts of the Province, who having heard-or imagined—terrible tales of the depravity of the Southern slave dreaded the introduction of what was formerly doubtful is now a this element into the country. Mr. King travelled many a weary mile, fought many a wordy battle, spent many an anxious of body and mind before the Elgin Settleent was an accomplished fact. No sooner had he set his foot on the free soil of anada and declared his object than he be-, ame a marked man, a common enemy gainst whom the community, individually and collectively, resolved to wage war. His proposals were universally disapprovwas like the bugle call to an old war-horse. What was it and whence did it spring? What was it and whence did it spring? Association."

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are sunt here, will have no ground of existence. We hope this Association will reattention to the remonstrances and petitions of the inflential settlers of this town-

FROM THE BOYAL EXCHANGE.

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tion of a vigilance committee "to note the proceedings of the Elgin Association and from time to time give publicity to such matters as they may deem useful in carrying out the objects of this meeting, as also

An address to Canadians was also adopted, calling upon all lovers of their country to arouse from their lethagy lest thousands and tens of thousands of American negroes continued to pour into this country. It was with great difficulty that Mr.

King secured a hearing at this meeting,

The first annual meeting of the association was held on Sept. 3, 1851, and the were then forty-five actual settlers holding 2,500 acres of land, and that about a dozen more are making arrangements to remove as true to them. His courage and lofty to the Settlement during the fall. Besides by patient and persistent effort. Among his most intimate friends was the large hearted, liberal-minded viceroy, Lord Elgin. The first President of the Association was Judge Skeffington Connection. cross and able jurist. The vice-presidents of which were in corn and other grain cross, 24 in wheat, and 12 in tobacco. crops, 24 in wheat, and 12 in tobacco.

The treasurer's first statement showed

Weatworts, and whose recent death is From stockholders ...... £425 0 0

The report submitted in 1852 showed that seventy-five families were settled on became possessed through marriage with for acts of kindness through his paper, The the land, making in all 400 inhabitants; 50 houses were built; 350 acres were cleared and 204 under crops. The manufacture of cloth from wool grown in the Settlement was encouraged, and in three months two garments were produced made out of this the scheme carried itself into successful home grown wool, spun, wove, and finishperation. On the contrary it met with ed on the premises. The report concludes with a high tribute to the morality

"what was formerly doubtful is now a the social position of the colored deepless night, and suffered many a pang land and under judicious treatment, are white immigrants from Europe." The colony then numbered 520 persons and there were 500 acres cleared and fenced. ed and condemned, and he was spoken of the statement that a two-story brick hotel and written of as a dangerous character has been built and kept on temperance principles, there having been no case of drunkenness during the year, and very few

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." Week by week it was his dead only light as a soldier of Christ to tread the association had been formed t ply for more adequate nourishment for his homeward way. On Christmas Sabbath he made his last journey.

Howard, Walter McFarlane, Ezekiel F. Will fall on those who are guilty of the inmunity of free men, of whom it can be discretion." A petition of a similar character said that they are self-supporting and in-James Brown, Andrew Hamilton, Peter was forwarded to parliament, to refuse reexercise their civil rights with as much judgment as any other settler coming into the province. To-day the thermometer stands "This Association must be fully aware live degrees below zero, with snow a foot complain, nor did a word of repining escape his lips. His bearing all the way through was, "Mould Thou me according to my divine will. Let pain and suffering be mine if by them, I shall be drawn nearer to Thee. Give me anything but Thy displeasure. Save me from that judice does exist on the part of the white exertion, and all are busy. The mill this settlers towards colored people is an un year will deliver 500,000 feet of timber deniable truth. We question not its propriety, we merely state it as a fact. We now completed to the lake, and in sumbelieve it to be wrong, but its existence is undoubted, nevertheless. We ask, there west. From the middle road to the lake is fore, if it is expedient or politic for any self- a straight wide avenue, with the primitive constituted body of men, such as the Elgin | forest trees of stately growth on each side. or any other Association to excite the feel. At the end of the avenue Lake Erie bursts ings of one class of the community by the upon the view in all its majesty. The unpopular manner in which they are about to exercise their sympathics towards another.

Let lands be purchased in it has given them access to a ready market some isolated place where no immediate intercourse can exist between the two races, ber, etc. The Sattlement never has been

> Finally the great move of naturalisation and enfranchisement was made, and the colored man became a citizen and voter. About the first noteworthy exercise of the franchise by the qualified electors of Buxton was in the Larwill-McKellar election A few days later a mass meeting of the in 1857, when the colony went to the polls people of the three counties was held in 100 strong and voted solid against the man

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race, and to confer upon them that a est and most sacred of human privil liberty, and you cannot fail to discal operation that feature of the character are now discussing. His burning fell grown available control of the character are now discussing.

Another phase of this same quality more properly speaking, the matic side of it, is, by an incident that occurred of his earlier years and while teaching Southern States. According to plan College such boy had an apartment or