

LATE MRS. JAMES WILLIS.

A Tribute to Her Worth From a
Local Friend.

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The many relatives and friends of the late Mrs. James Willis having desired to place on record a suitable memorial of one whom they loved and respected so highly, the following lines have been written by one who was intimate with her during the last few years of her life. I had many opportunities of witnessing her deep piety as well as her calm resignation and firm unwavering faith:

IN MEMORIAM.

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick was born at Roger's Hill, Pictou County, on 27th April, 1813, and was married at her own home on 9th December, 1835, to Mr. James Willis, of Dalhousie Mountain, also in Pictou County; the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. Charles Elliott, Rector of St. James Church, Pictou. Mrs. Willis was privileged to pass through a long and useful life as the worthy help-meet of her husband. Through many and varied scenes of life pilgrimage did this worthy couple travel together the road that leadeth toward the everlasting home; until on 9th December, 1895, they were permitted, by God's mercy, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their wedding day, on which occasion many friends and relations gathered at the old home to show their respect for the husband and wife, who had for so many years lived amongst them, and shown such bright examples of consistent Christian conduct and firm religious principles. But now for the faithful and devoted wife, the journey of life was drawing to a close. Afflicted for many years with a severe cough and pain in her side, she was now in constant suffering, which she bore with great patience and resignation. After a few months of patient waiting and incessant pain, her wearied body at length found rest on 26th March, 1896, when the messenger of death, gently approaching, whispered the sweet message of happy release, "The Master is Come and and Calleth for Thee."

The funeral, which took place on 28th March, was very largely attended by many friends and relatives of the deceased, and thus bore testimony to the great love and respect which they all felt for her. Rev. M. Taylor and Rev. Mr. Cairns performed the last rites of Christian burial with appropriate prayer and praise. Thus for the last time on earth did this beloved wife and mother pass the threshold of her home to be taken to her last resting place in the pretty graveyard on the hill, where one daughter and many an old neighbor and friend had preceded her.

"Dear soul, all thy pain and suffering
now forever gone,

"God grant thee peace in Paradise until
the Resurrection Morn,

"When the glorious springtime doth ap-
pear,

"May God be with thee and draw thee
near,

"Though Heaven's eternal summer-time,
His name to bless,

"Who hath led thee safely through life's
wilderness.

Many members of the family remain to mourn the loss of one whom all had loved, but some have already passed away. For the husband, Mr. James Willis, now far advanced in years, all feel the deepest sympathy. He is well known through the action of Pictou County, in which he resides, and is much loved on account of his kindly sympathy and consistent life.

The eldest son, Mr. A. P. Willis, is the senior member of the firm of Messrs. Willis & Co., Pianos and Organs, with headquarters at Montreal, where he resides.

Another son, the late Mr. Robert Willis, who was much beloved and respected, was also engaged in the same business and resided in Montreal. He died on 21st April, 1889, leaving a widow and three children, who now reside in Stellarton. Messrs. James F. and John H. Willis, the two youngest sons, are also engaged in the same business and reside at Stellarton.

Of the four daughters in the family, one

to cheer the last years of her mother's life.
Another daughter, Mrs. Murdock McKee,
resides at Carriboo, Pictou County.

CONDOLENCE.

J. F. WILLIS, ESQ.,

DEAR BROTHER:—At the regular meeting of Keith Lodge, No. 28, A. F. & A. M. held last evening, the undersigned were appointed to express to you the heartfelt sympathy of your brethren, in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your beloved and highly respected mother. Though you have been thus afflicted, be comforted with the thought of her patient happy and kind disposition, and also the great legacy she has left you, the memory and influence of a noble life.

Please convey with our kindest wishes, these words of condolence to your aged father and the remaining members of the family.

Most respectfully and sympathetically yours fraternally, in behalf of Keith Lodge, No. 23.

(Sgd.) J. M. BAILLIE, }
H. R. MUNRO, } Committee.
J. FRASER }

Stellarton, April 29th. 1896.

REPLY OF CONDOLENCE.

MESSEES BAILLIE, MUNRO AND FRASER,
OF KEITH LODGE, STELLARTON:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—We have duly received your warm words of sympathy, relative to the death of our dear mother. Such kind words from brethren are very precious in seasons of affliction, and especially so to our aged father in the time of bereavement. Please convey our heartfelt appreciation to the various members of the lodge.

Yours fraternally.
(Sgd.) J. F. Willis.

Stellarton June 9th. 1896.