

The following actions and memorial for Colin McIver, 1784-1850, is from the PDF of the microfilm of the manuscript "Minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery," Vol. 1, 1813-24; Vol. 3, 1831-1851, Historical Foundation Films, 1960, as obtained from The Presbyterian Historical Society collection on Internet Archive. The memorial was given at the Seventy-Fourth Meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery, which was convened in the Laurel Hill Church, April 11, 1850, with Rev. Archibald McQueen moderating, and then adjourned, Saturday the 13th. The memorial is on pages 160-62 of the minute book, which are reproduced in images 843-44 of the microfilm.

Presbytery received the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Rev. Colin McIver, the Stated Clerk of Presbytery. Thereupon, the Rev. Dr. Cotton, F. K. Nash, and Hector McLean were appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive of the sense of the Presbytery in relation to this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence. And that it be made the order of the day for 10 O'clock tomorrow and elect a Stated Clerk to fill his place. (p. 156).

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute expressing the feelings of the Presbytery in relation to the death of Rev. C. McIver, made a Report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas, it has pleased God in His righteous Providence, to remove by death the Rev. C. McIver, the Presbytery of which he was a member, at their first meeting after the occurrence of that event, taking into consideration the loss they have sustained, adopted the following Resolution.

1st The Presbytery desire to express their sympathy with the bereaved widow, and other friends of the deceased, in the hope that they and we have sustained; and while we would bow in humble submission to the will of God, we would earnestly pray that this affliction may be so sanctified to all concerned that each may be quickened in duty, and become better prepared for that solemn account which he must be called to give, at not a distant period at the bar of an Omniscient Judge.

2nd The Presbytery, as members of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, feel that in this event they are admonished that, as office bearers, they should redouble their diligence, and that such of us as are Ministers of the Gospel, are loudly called upon to be watchful over ourselves, and of others in our labors, lest while we preach salvation to others we ourselves should be cast away from God.

3rd The Presbytery cherish a grateful remembrance of the long continued services of our brother as Stated Clerk of this body, in which office he has, with singular fidelity & accuracy, performed the various duties of the office in keeping the records, arranging business for the action of the body, and in carrying it forward to completion.

4th The Presbytery feel a pleasure in being able to bear a decided testimony to the untiring zeal of our Brother in the service of the Church believing it was his intention and wish to be found faithful in the service of his Divine Master, and to do all in his power to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world.

Our Brother having gone to his final account, our Presbytery join in fervent prayer to the Great Head of the Church, that as by reason of death, his ministry is not permitted to continue. He would raise up a succession of men, who shall be faithful laborers in the vineyard, and under the Divine blessing shall bring in their fruits in due season.

Ordered, that a copy of the Resolution adopted in relation to the death of Rev. C. McIver be forwarded to the family of the deceased.