

For the Record.

We are called on to record the death of the late Andrew Gray, who died at Cape John, on the 23 April, at the advanced age of 97. Deceased was a native of Ross-shire Scotland, and came to this country in 1832. We learn that after arriving here he settled with his family near Mount Thom; in the neighbourhood of which many of his descendants are found to this day. Latterly he removed with his son Donald to Cape John, where he ended his long pilgrimage as recorded above. He was a devoted adherent of the church of Scotland; and most diligent in his attendance upon the ordinances of religion. So long as health and strength permitted he was never missed from his accustomed place in the house of worship. When hearing began to fail, he used to come as near as possible to the preacher, by occupying the pulpit stair; and his venerable and saintly appearance, with locks "white as the driven snow" reminding one of the "hoary head found in the ways of righteousness," will long dwell in the remembrance of those who were accustomed to worship in the same church with him. As old age advanced upon him he seemed to withdraw his attention from earthly affairs, and to dwell apart from the world. When one called to see him he was usually found sitting at the window reading his bible, great parts of which he seemed to have committed to memory. He thus had laid up a rich storehouse of matter for meditation against the approach of the day "when the almond tree shall flourish and the grasshopper shall be a burden."

For some months back it was evident that this aged pilgrim was approaching the land "where the sun shineth night and day." A few weeks ago just as spring was passing into summer, he fell ill and after a few days' sickness he fell asleep "in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ." The memory of the righteous is blessed

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN CANADA.

From a Scottish paper.

SIR,—Being at present in this country through the kindness of my Presbytery in the colonies, I take the liberty of drawing your attention to the State of the Scotch Church of Canada, in the earnest hope that some measures may be devised in the Assembly to ameliorate their condition. Once a flourishing branch of the Church of Scotland, it was an arm of strength to the Establishment to which she could look with pride and satisfaction. But in consequence of the movement three years ago to unite different Presbyterian sects, it received great injury—an injury to the Church of Scotland *at home* as well as the Church of Scotland *abroad*. Not only her clergy reserves or temporalities granted by Government, but even her private property—churches, mansees, colleges, &c., all raised by our own hands, often amid great hardships to the poor settlers, and by means of collections throughout the parishes of Scotland—was nearly all taken from her, and her ministers and people thus thrown into the greatest distress. The movement in question was indeed nothing else than a *disestablishment coup d'état*, its promoters being chiefly Dissenters and foes to the Establishment, backed by a few traitors within the Kirk herself, whom unfortunately she had long nursed in her bosom. The deed was done. Legislative Acts they got to sanction it; and the poor faithful Church of Scotland in Canada, stripped of her possessions to the value of millions, was left naked and desolate. We, who supported the Establishment principle, trembled for the safety of our national ark—not only of our Kirk abroad but of our mother Kirk at home; and earnestly we hoped she would not countenance the movement. For it was easy to see that it would not be confined to the colony—that the revolutionary wave that beat upon the Kirk in Canada would soon reach the shores of Scotland, and dash upon the mother church herself! Unfortunately the Church at home, instead of discountenancing, encouraged the movement, not aware of its nature,