

OBITUARY.

St. James, Charlotte county, N. B., was called to suffer no ordinary loss by the death of Mr. John McKenzie, a native of Sutherland, Scotland, at the residence of one of his sons, Scotch Ridge, on the 14th of February last, aged 97 years. This old disciple was a noble pioneer in the original settlement of the parish, and took a deep and undying interest for 66 years in the spiritual and temporal welfare of its inhabitants. He was pious from his youth, and a pattern of industry to the close of his life. He is now lamented by a numerous family and the whole community. The Session, sensible of the valuable services rendered both to it and the congregation by this exemplary, efficient, Godly elder, with deep regret drop his name from the roll, and record the heavy loss sustained while listening to the Lord's warning voice to "be also ready." The Church of the Lower Provinces, of which he was an attached, praying member, will sympathize with this bereaved flock. Surviving friends are called to admire the grace of God given to such a rich vessel of mercy prepared unto glory. In every relation in which he stood; in every station in which he was placed, and in every office he filled, he was enabled to do so to the glory of God and the good of men. As a father he provoked not his children to wrath, but trained them up in the way they should go. As a friend he was warm, kind, constant, steady, true and faithful. As a professor of religion he was an Israelite indeed in whom there was no guile. In secret, family and public devotions with integrity and uprightness and power with God and man. As a member of Session he was esteemed by all; he instructed, warned, counselled, and ruled well, and an eminent ensample to the flock; and as he lived he died: death to him was great gain. We lose his example, counsels, directions and prayers. Let us be followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises in heaven where parting will be no more.

Religious Intelligence.

A Missionary Deficit Unexpectedly Prevented.

The Berlin Missionary Society has had a remarkable financial experience within the last few months. During the first half of 1870 its receipts were very satisfactory; but during the last half of the year, by reason of the war between Prussia and France, they were seriously diminished. On the 1st of January, 1871, it was found

that the ordinary income of the twelve-month which had just closed had been but 47,079 thalers, or 21,164 thalers less than the income of 1869. And it was also found, that in the absence of extraneous and extraordinary assistance, there must be a debt of 10,000 thalers. But Providence had kindly arranged that the needed relief should come from an unexpected quarter.

In 1857 the well known Griqua captain, Cornelius Kok, conveyed to the Berlin Missionary Society three or four square miles of territory, lying on the Vaal River, South Africa, for the nominal sum of 500 thalers. His object seems to have been to aid the Society, by means of this large tract of land, in giving the Gospel to the Korannas. A part of it, however, was so barren and worthless that the Land Commission of the Orange Free State did not regard it as deserving the honor of being taxed. And yet, in this desolate region, diamonds have been found within the last few months. A multitude of adventurers hastened to the spot, of course, anxious to enrich themselves with the new-found treasure; and inasmuch as it was impossible to keep them away, the missionaries asked that a certain per centage of the precious stones found upon their property should be given to them. It was not easy to compass their object; for men who rush to gold fields and diamond fields are not always careful to respect the rights of others. But after much trouble and perplexity, 10,000 thalers were secured for the Missionary Society before the end of 1870, just enough to enable the committee at Berlin to report the treasury free from debt.

Mission Spirit in Northern Europe.

In Sweden there is an active society for foreign and home missionary work. Its foreign field is Nubia and Abyssinia. Twelve missionaries have been sent out, but eight have perished, killed by the climate or the natives. Yet soldiers of the cross are not wanting. The President of the Training College told me that he expects to commence the next session with thirty students. The society employs colporteurs, who are evangelists as well as booksellers, and who receive a preparatory training for their work in an institution which we visited. It has also a considerable book and tract department. It publishes many of Luther's best doctrinal and experimental works, and has also on its catalogue "The Anxious Inquirer," "Come to Jesus," and other decidedly evangelical works.

The Norwegian Luther Society, of which Candidate Hærem is the Secretary, is a daughter of the Stockholm institution. It employs seventeen colporteurs, who are all