

they are witnesses of such intricate pieces of mechanism, where without the least "fitting," joint is made to suit joint, and rafter, girder, beam and brace, coincide as if the frame had been the handiwork of nature, and had by man been but taken apart to be removed to some more convenient place.

Our wish is that the spirited congregation at Barney's River may be blessed in this their undertaking, and be long spared as a united and ever-increasing people, to go up to this house to worship the God of Zion.

Yours, &c.,

CURIOUS.

#### OBITUARY.

*The Rev. James Campbell, who lately departed this life in Pictou.*

Mr. Campbell was born in Creich, Sutherlandshire, in 1782. He held the office of parish schoolmaster in different places. In this capacity he was seven years in the parish of Loth on the east coast of Sutherland, and a considerable time in Durness, on the extreme northwest portion of the same county. He acted also for three years as travelling companion to a Captain Munro, who had lost his sight in battle, and was in the habit of employing a student in divinity to accompany him. Many of his former pupils are now in this country, and have shown their regard for him by visiting him and recalling these days. He was advanced in life ere he became a parish minister; and his first situation was that of substitute to the Rev. George Urquhart, of Rogart, a parish in Sutherland, near Golspie. The latter having gone for his health to Italy, died on his homeward voyage, leaving a widowed mother and two sisters. Some time after, Mr. Campbell was married to the younger of these surviving sisters, and having been presented to the parish of Kildonan in Sutherland also, removed there with his mother-in-law and the unmarried sister. Kildonan was one of these parishes, of which there have been too many, that have been depopulated by clearing off the old cufsters to make way for large sheep farms. Its population in 1801 was 1400, and in 1831 was reduced to 257. In 1846, Mr. Campbell removed with two daughters to Inverness. His only surviving daughter having been married in 1853 to the late Rev. Murdoch Sutherland, of Pictou, he came to this place in 1855. During the last twelve months, his constitution was giving way, and by constant prayer and assiduous perusal of the Word of God, he

was preparing for death, which came upon him on the 7th June, in the 77th year of his age. By those who knew him he was much respected for the Christian gentleness of his manners, his goodness of heart, and unobtrusive piety.

*Rev. Donald Mackintosh, formerly minister of Gairloch and Saltsprings.*

A notice appears in the *Glasgow Courier* to the effect that on the 2nd July the Rev. Donald Mackintosh, minister of Eddleston, departed this life. Though for the purpose of obtaining exact dates, we could have wished to have been able to inspect the minutes of the Presbytery of Pictou, yet we cannot allow this notice to pass without directing attention to it. It appears that Mr. Mackintosh came to this country about the year 1832, the year previous to that in which our Synod was constituted. He gave his adhesion to that important measure. Soon after he became minister of Gairloch and Saltsprings. He continued there for about ten years, and endeared himself to all by the perseverance and assiduity with which he performed his spiritual duties. Among his brethren he was much beloved for his amiable and generous disposition. Mr. Mackintosh left this country in 1844, and became minister of Urray, a parish in the south end of Western Ross. He next became minister of Eddleston, a parish in the eastern district of Ross. Mr. Mackintosh will be lamented by those who were acquainted with him, by members of his late congregation and by his connections, who are still here.

Thus are the pioneers of our Nova Scotia Zion passing away, one by one, into the future world. "The fathers, where are they?"

#### PICTOU ACADEMY.

The progress and efficiency of all educational establishments, inasmuch as they have a very important bearing upon the moral condition of the people, ought to be of the highest interest to every Christian man. Learning, according to the manner in which it is imparted and employed, either augments or diminishes crime. When controlled by principle, it adorns a nation, promotes the higher happiness of a people, and places it under the secure protection of God. A man that knows a great deal and knows it well can be