

business, at this their first meeting after the lamented decease of their brother in the eldership, the late Mr. Peter McNab, senr., desire to record their sense of the loss which the Session has sustained in his demise, and their feelings of regard for his memory. Attached from his youth to the congregation, and having filled, for about twenty-five years, the honorable office of ruling elder, his kindly manners and earnest and willing labors for the peace and prosperity of the congregation, endeared him to us all, while his christian humility and blameless life were such as to exempt him from entertaining towards others or experiencing from them the slightest enmity or ill-will. Our consolation in parting with him is that having passed through a long and useful life on earth, we have a strong and just confidence, that through a Saviour's dying love, he now rests from his labors and enjoys a higher and never-ending life in Heaven.

MR. DONALD MCPHERSON, the subject of the following obituary notice, departed this life on the 13th May, 1870, in the seventy-first year of his age. He was for thirty-two years a member and for sixteen years an Elder of Rev. John Stewart's congregation, New Glasgow. Mr. McPherson was an excellent man. He took a lively interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of the Church and to the glory of God. In the house of God and in the courts of the Church his place was never vacant, except from stern necessity. He possessed a sound judgment and a strong mind well stored with general information, but especially with Bible truth. His piety was deep toned and genuine, and shone with brightness in his every day life.—making him "a living epistle of the Lord Jesus Christ, known and read of all men." As an elder he was faithful and zealous, "ever watching for souls as those who must give account." Fearless, firm, and yet affectionate in reproving, warning and exhorting the careless, he was respected and loved even by those who made no profession of religion: while, by his wise counsels, kind sympathy, and earnest prayers in the house of sorrow and affliction, he enshrined himself in the affections of those over whom he was placed, in the Lord.—His many excellent qualities made him a valuable member of the congregation and session of John Knox's Church, to advance the prosperity of which he constantly laboured and prayed till life's close; having on more than one occasion sacrificed place and emolument for the sake of the Master whom he served on earth, and whom we trust he is now enjoying in heaven. By his death the congregation and session with

which he was connected have lost one of their best members—his family, a kind and affectionate father, and the community in which he lived one of its highest ornaments. He died as he had for many years lived, trusting alone in the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

Religious Intelligence.

Church of England.

The death of Dean Alford, the great critic and commentator, will be deeply deplored by millions outside of England and the English Church. He was but 61 years of age.

Mr. Voysey is still struggling for the right of being a minister of the Established Church of England, although he denies the divinity of Christ.

Mr. Mackonochie, the ultra ritualist, pursues his popish tricks as daringly as ever,—notwithstanding his three months' suspension. In truth, the punishment was preposterously light.

"Christmas tide" gave opportunities to the Ritualists to make most extravagant displays of their favourite theatricals. In London, in New York, and in these Provinces, the exhibitions were very close imitations of Popish ceremonies.

Presbyterian Extension.

There is now a Synod of the Presbyterian Church in China. Fourteen ministers, and a considerable number of native assistants were present. The meeting lasted a week. An attempt is being made to secure an Institution for training native ministers in China.

Albert Barnes.

This venerable Presbyterian minister died at Philadelphia on the 24th Dec. He is very widely known as a commentator. He died without a moment's illness. He was 72 years of age.

Missionary Professorship.

A sign of progress is to be observed in the proposal to establish a Missionary Professorship in the newly established University at Wooster, Ohio. We hail the omen, as indicating a clearer understanding that the mission of the Church is to bring the whole world to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The design of this professorship is to make students acquainted with the reli-