

He was revered and loved by his own charge, to whom he gave, on all occasions, the best of his strength; and his brethren in the Presbytery always found him a true friend and a ready helper. He retired from the active duties of the ministry some ten years ago. He attended the General Assembly at Toronto and greatly enjoyed it. He died at the house of his son-in-law, Rev. E. Bayne, Dr. Sedgwick's successor at Musquodoboit. He was buried among his beloved flock in P. E. Island, and the concourse that paid their last tribute of respect by following his remains to the grave indicated the esteem in which he was held.

ALEXANDER McDONALD, an elder in the congregation at the Falls, Earltown, N. Scotia, died on the 2nd March, in the 87th year of his age. This aged and mature Christian was born in the Parish of Clyne, Sutherlandshire, Scotland. He came to this country in 1822, settled at the Falls of Tatamagouche River, and was ordained an elder in 1849. Even when old and feeble, he was found in the house of worship at the hour appointed. He always spoke on the "Ceist," the Friday of the communion season, and was ardently attached to the Gaelic language. He died as he lived, trusting in the Lord.

ANNIE REES.—On the 5th July, Annie, wife of the Rev. W. D. Rees, Blackheath, died after a brief illness, aged 38 years. Mrs. Rees was a native of Worcestershire, England. She was an amiable Christian lady, very unassuming, but sincerely devoted to her Master's cause, and anxious for the spiritual welfare of the flock to whom her husband ministered.

ROBERT SINCLAIR, elder of Knox Church, Port Dover, died on the 13th of April, in the 70th year of his age. Mr. Sinclair emigrated to America from Burra Isle, Shetland, in 1837, and settled in Port Dover in 1840, where he resided until his death. He was of a quiet, retiring disposition, always steadily engaged "following after the things which make for peace," and he passed away peacefully to his rest, after a short illness.

When the richest American of his day was in his fatal sickness a Christian friend proposed to sing for him: and the hymn he named was, "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy." "Yes, yes," replied the dying millionaire, "sing that for me; I feel poor and needy." Yet at that moment the stock markets of the globe were watching and waiting for the demise of the man who could shake them with a nod of his head. "Poor and needy!" How the sand sweeps from under a man's soul in such an hour as that!—*Dr. T. S. Cuyler.*

Ecclesiastical News.

BISHOP POOLE, the missionary Bishop of Japan, died at Shrewsbury on the 14th of July. He was consecrated the first bishop of Japan in 1883 and during his brief episcopate he won golden opinions from the missionaries of all denominations. The patriarchal Hebrew philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiori, died at Ramsgate, England, on the 31st of July. He was born at Leghorn, Italy, in 1734, and, when, a few months ago, he reached his hundredth year, the day was celebrated in every civilized land. The good that men do does not die with them. The name of Montefiori will be handed down to posterity as that of a life-long and genuine philanthropist, whose chief aim in life seemed to be in doing good to his fellow-men. The universal respect in which he was held gives room to hope that some share of the consideration which he received at the hands of Christendom may yet be bestowed upon the despised race to which he belonged, and that the time may not be far distant when the scattered children of Israel may be gathered into the Christian fold. It is not without significance that a memorial service was held in Westminster Abbey, London, to give expression to the national sympathy of England on the occasion of the death of General Grant, whose name will henceforth be cherished by his countrymen as second only to the "Father of his country"—Washington. Amid the many encomiums that have been bestowed on the character of the dead warrior, it is pleasant to hear that "Grant never was heard to utter an oath or speak an unclean word. He had a pure mind." It is said that the Archbishop of Canterbury has written a letter in which he recognises the Armenian Church as a sister national church of the Anglican, and expresses his sincere pleasure that a pastor of eminence and experience, and one who expresses views so consonant with his own, has been appointed by the holy synod to be pastor of the Armenian brethren in London. The Armenian Church in the metropolis has been opened at Notting-hill. The disestablishment question has brought about a friendly alliance between the churches of England and Scotland in defence of their common ecclesiastical interests. A meeting of leading members of these churches was held in London on the 14th of June, presided over by the Bishop of Durham. Among the Scottish representatives at that meeting were, Dr. Phin, Mr. James A. Campbell, M. P. of Stracathro, and Admiral Sir John Hay, M. P. It requires no far-seeing prophet to predict that the relation of these two "sister churches" to the state must stand or fall together. The objections to their being recognized as they have been since the Reformation is not on the score of inefficiency. Probably there never was a time when either of them was more active, or their