

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. JOHN THOMSON of Westfield, Quebec, died at his residence, Westfield, near Quebec on Saturday morning, New Year's Day.

Mr. Thomson was a native of the South of Scotland, and was born in the year 1793.

When quite a young man he left Scotland for the West Indies, but only remained there a short period, for he landed in Canada in the year 1816—or nearly 54 years ago; and during that long period he resided in the neighbourhood of Quebec, closely identifying himself with the Lumber business of the country.

For several years he was engaged with the late Sir John Caldwell, and also with his son the late Sir Henry Caldwell, in the management of the extensive Saw Mills at the Etchemin and River du Loup—and during the whole of his connection with these gentlemen, retained their warmest confidence and esteem, so much so that he was appointed Executor by the late Sir Henry Caldwell, and continued to manage the affairs of the family in Canada, until they were finally wound up after the death of Lady Caldwell.

Mr. Thomson afterwards leased the Etchemin Mills, and continued to work them successfully for many years. He was then connected in business with the Hamiltons of Hawkesbury; and after retiring from that firm, became proprietor of the Mills at Buckingham, which establishment he carried on for many years in partnership with his sons Andrew and John.

Mr. Thomson retired from active business several years ago, having accumulated, by untiring industry, energy, and attention, an ample fortune.

He was for many years a Director of the Bank of Montreal, Quebec; and when the Branch Board of the Bank was discontinued in 1847, he was appointed a Director of the Bank of British North America, Quebec, the duties of which office he continued to perform till within a few weeks of his death.

Mr. Thomson was an Elder of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, for upwards of 30 years, and never ceased to take a warm interest in its welfare, and in that of the whole Church of the Province.

He was also a member of the Temporalities' Board of the Church, and Trustee of Queen's College.

Mr. Thomson was benevolent and just,

upright and liberal, an affectionate parent, a warm friend, an humble Christian.—His life was singularly free from trouble and vexation; he had known few of the vicissitudes of life, none of its miseries; year after year his prosperity continued, his worldly goods increased, his sons and daughters, and grandchildren were settled around him in affluence and comfort. But the longest and most prosperous career must have its trials, must have its sorrows, so was it with our friend. In October last, the wife of his youth, the affectionate and amiable companion of a long life, was carried to her grave. He never recovered the shock, life became a blank to him, he was anxious to go, he found it "a weary world," so he expressed himself to the writer, and it was evident to those around him that his days were numbered.

He died surrounded by his family, bidding all an affectionate farewell. He was calm, humble, and resigned to the last, and just before the last attack which ended in unconsciousness, he repeated a few lines of the Hymn,

"The hour of my departure's come"

"I know the voice that calls me home"

and said to his daughter "*Look to Jesus,*" "*Trust in Jesus.*"

His remains were interred in Mount Hermon Cemetery on Wednesday the 5th January.

The funeral cortège proceeded from his late residence to St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, where the funeral service was performed, under deep emotion, by his old and intimate friend and connection, the Rev. Dr. Cook.

The attendance was unusually large, old and young, rich and poor, being anxious to show this last mark of respect and regard, to one so worthy and so good.

Mr. Thomson has left three sons, and four daughters. Of the daughters, the eldest married Robert Hamilton Esq., of Hamwood, Quebec, and of the Hawkesbury Mills on the Ottawa, another married Richard S. Cassels, Esq., of Ottawa, and a third Dr. Walter Henry of Ottawa.

The Rev. William Hamilton, Minister of Mono and Caledon, Presbytery of Toronto, died at Mono, on the 27th December, 1869, in the fortieth year of his age. His career as a minister, though brief, was honourable. He was born in Williamstown, Glengary; but his father, who still lives an honoured elder in the Kirk, removed to