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### The Late Principal Barclay of Glasgow University.

We deeply regret to announce the death of this father of the Church, which took place at his official residence in Glasgow University. The venerable Principal succumbed to a severe attack of bronchitis. Thomas Barclay, D. D., Principal of Glasgow University, was born at Unst, in Shetland, in 1792, and was consequently at the time of his death in his eighty-second year. He was educated at King's College, Aberdeen, and was for some time a teacher of elocution in that city. He afterwards became a reporter on the Parliamentary staff of the *Times* newspaper. He was licensed in 1821, and was ordained minister of Lerwick in 1822, the patron being the Earl of Zetland. Dr. Barclay was afterwards translated to Currie, on the presentation of the late Sir James Gibson-Craig, Bart., of Riccarton.

In 1857, on the demise of the late Venerable Principal Macfarlane, Dr. Barclay was appointed Principal of Glasgow University. The appointment was fully justified by the manner in which it was filled by the late Principal. Many of our ministers and doctors who studied in Glasgow University, will remember Principal Barclay in connection with their college days, and will regret his death. If he neither succeeded in drawing the same youthful enthusiasm or antagonism in the hearts of the undergraduates of the University he was called on to preside over, it must be admitted that by assiduous attention to the duties of his office, he thoroughly justified the exercise of patronage which placed him in the Principal's chair. Dr. Barclay's learning was both sound and varied, although he never attained any great reputation as a pulpit orator. In Church politics the deceased Principal may be described as having been a Liberal-Conservative. It is to be noted

that he was a supporter of the innovations introduced into the Scottish system of worship by the late Dr. R. Lee, of Greyfriars', Edinburgh. Previous to his appointment as Principal, Dr. Barclay took an active part in the business both of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and of the General Assembly. Subsequently to his removal to Glasgow, the venerable deceased abandoned all active interest in the proceedings of the Church Courts, and devoted himself entirely to his responsible duties as Principal of Glasgow University. Dr. Barclay has passed away at a ripe age, but his loss will not be the less felt in the institution of which he was the practical head, nor in the Church of which he was, if not a brilliant, still a venerated and respected member.

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DR. ROBERT BUCHANAN, A.M., formerly Professor of Logic and Rhetoric in the University of Glasgow, is dead. His death took place at his country residence of Ardfillayne, near Dunoon, Argyshire, Scotland, on Sunday, March 2nd. He was descended from a cadet of the Buchanan Clan, whose territory stretches along the east side of Lochlomond from Balfron, and across to the foot of Benlomond, where begins the district of the Macgregor. The six sons of the Buchanan family became ministers of the Church of Scotland, one of whom, the Rev. John Buchanan, minister of Kingarth, in Bute, died about a year ago, also at an advanced age. Prof. Buchanan was a distinguished student at the University of Glasgow, and a favourite pupil of his predecessor, Professor Jardine, who held the appointment of Professor of Logic for forty consecutive years. It is interesting to note that Professor Jardine's predecessor was James Clow, who occupied the chair for 35 years, and perhaps it is also worth mentioning that Edmund Burke and David Hume were both candidates for the Professorship when Clow was appointed. The three Professors, Clow, Jardine and Buchanan filled the Chair for the long period of 112 years.

It is needless to speak of the eminence of Professor Buchanan as a teacher and counsellor of young men during his thirty-seven years' occupancy of the