

## Obituary.

REV. JAMES ROBERTSON, D.D.

It will be painful to many of our readers to hear that this excellent Minister of our Church in Glasgow, has been removed by death, after being laid aside from preaching during nine months, by an affection of the heart. He was born at Paisley in 1806, and after passing brilliantly through a full educational course, he became, in 1833, Minister of the Congregation of Port-burgh, Edinburgh, where he was greatly admired as a pastor and preacher. He also distinguished himself as a graceful and effective platform speaker, and freely took part in the exciting discussions of the period. In 1846 he was one of a deputation sent out by the Synod to visit the Churches in Nova Scotia and Canada, and, after his return, published a small volume giving an account of his tour. He was invited to the pastoral charge of our Congregation in Hamilton, and was elected to the Professorship of Divinity for the Church in Canada, but saw it his duty to decline. Shortly afterwards he accepted a call from the newly erected Congregation of Shamrock Street, Glasgow, where he was remarkably successful as a Minister. His place of worship soon required enlargement, and still continued completely filled. A few years ago he published a valuable work entitled "Old Truths and Modern Speculations," and he frequently wrote in several periodicals. He was distinguished for refinement, taste, and judgment. He was of a kind, amiable disposition, and was eminent for piety and zeal in the service of God. On Saturday and Sabbath, 11th and 12th January, he was in the bosom of his family, apparently not worse than usual, and next morning he died, in perfect peace, leaving a widow, four daughters and two sons.

REV. JOHN NEWLANDS, D.D.

Dr. Newlands, Minister of the South U. P. Congregation, Perth, Scotland, died in that city, on the 10th January and in the 38th year of his Ministry. He was an able and popular preacher, and highly esteemed for his personal and social qualities. A number of years ago, he published a small volume on Parental Duties. Being in affluent circumstances, he contributed liberally to benevolent and religious objects.

REV. NICHOLAS MURRAY, D.D.

This distinguished minister of the Presbyterian Church, died at his residence, Elizabethtown, N. J., on the evening of the 4th Feb. He was in the fifty-ninth year of his age. His disease was neuralgia of the heart. His death was sudden, he being sick but three days. He had uniformly enjoyed good health, and great capabilities of labor; all of which he diligently and most advantageously employed. Dr. Murray was born in the North of Ireland. His parents were Romanists, and educated their son in their own faith; but, when coming to years, when men may examine into truth and error, he became a Protestant. At the age of sixteen he came to the United States, and was employed for a time by the Harpers, of New York. His collegiate training he had at Williams College, Mass. He studied theology at Princeton. His first settlement in the ministry was at Wyoming, Pa.; then at Kingston, Pa.; then at Elizabethtown, N. J., where he abode till the time of his death—twenty-six years. The deceased was a good preacher, and a successful pastor. His scholarship was fair. His social qualities were superior. His *forte* was controversy, and especially on the Romanist question. His letters to Bishop Hughes, over the signature of "Kirwan," are master-pieces. These secured to him a world-wide fame. Dr. Murray was Moderator of the General Assembly, in 1849. He visited Europe in 1851, and in 1860. The little warning given, in this case, is a new admonition of the importance of constant and full preparation for life's close. The departed was not considered dangerously ill, till within a very little time of the heart's last throb. O that men were wise! To those who are ready, the suddenness of the call need bring no alarms. They enter into joy.—*Presbyterian Banner*.