

"Metaphysics," in 8th edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (1857); "Bampton Lectures," "The limits of Religious Thought" (1858); and some smaller works. He has also edited the late Sir W. Hamilton's works on logic and metaphysical science, in conjunction with Professor Veitch.

### Sudden Death of a Minister.

On the 17th August, says the *Edinburgh Courant*, while the Dunblane Established Church Presbytery were discussing the translation of the Rev. John Barclay to St. George's Church, Glasgow, the Rev. R. J. Johnstone, of Logie, had just moved that the translation should take place when he became suddenly unwell and fell backward in his chair. Medical assistance was procured, but it was found that life was extinct. In consequence of the sad occurrence the Presbytery adjourned till 1st September.

Mr. Johnstone was the son of a Presbyterian minister at Berwick-on-Tweed, and in 1829, at an early age, he was ordained to an important charge in Stanley, where a large church was built expressly for him. In 1832, he was translated to Auchtermuchty, where his ministry was so successful that a large aisle had to be added to the church to accommodate the rapidly increasing congregation. After the Secession of 1843, he had the offer of many churches in various parts of the country and ultimately selected the parish of Logie, to which charge he was inducted in 1844, and where he laboured till his death last Thursday. Mr. Johnstone was an excellent type of the best class of Scotch clergymen. Consecrating to the work of his sacred office his whole energies and the high talents with which he was endowed, he was always exceedingly popular amongst his parishioners, both as a preacher and as a visitor. His style in the pulpit was clear, earnest, plain, and pointed, indicating at once a vigorous and accomplished mind, a heart deeply imbued with the true spirit of Christianity, and careful preparation. A thorough gentleman both in feelings and manners, he was tender, sensitive, and sympathetic as a woman. An acute observer, he had a profound and clear insight into human nature; and always

devoted, as he was, to the work of parochial visitation—indeed this was one of his most distinguishing characteristics—he was thoroughly fitted to administer the consolations and encouragements of religion to the sick and dying, at whose bedside he was always welcome. Those who had the good fortune to know him as a friend will mourn the loss of one whose excellent judgment, practical good sense, and sympathy were always freely at command; and though this is scarcely the place to speak of his domestic life, yet the writer of this brief tribute of respect to the memory of a valued friend cannot refrain from saying that a happier or more united and affectionate family he has never known. By this sad event surviving relations have sustained an irreparable bereavement; a large circle of friends have lost a friend indeed; and an attached flock and the Church of Scotland a zealous, an able, and a devoted minister. Mr. Johnstone was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death.

### Protestant Union in India.

You published particulars a couple of years or so ago of a project that had been set on foot at Simla, for a chapel common to all Protestants, and on the basis of Protestant union. It was begun by Dr. Murray Mitchell, Principal of the Free Church College, Calcutta, and the first choice of minister fell upon a Presbyterian, but the idea, it is said, is to select the minister, without reference to creed, from all Protestant denominations. I refer to the subject, because I have just been informed that the Church has met with very general approval at Simla, and that Protestants of different denominations have proved that they can meet together for worship, and forget for a time their distinctive creeds. It is a bold experiment, certainly, and if it succeeds in India it will do what all human eloquence would have failed to make it do in England. There is something in its favour in the fact that Protestant missionaries of different denominations have union meetings weekly or monthly as the case may be for the interchange of ideas on the broad subjects with which they are identified.—*Times' Calcutta Correspondent.*