

and in 1828, he accepted the charge of the church and congregation assembling at Falcon Square, Aldersgate street. Here he remained, presiding over an attached congregation, until the end of 1860, when increasing age and infirmities counselled his retirement. On that occasion his people and other friends took the opportunity of shewing their esteem and affection for Dr. Bennett by the public presentation to him of a handsome time-piece and a purse of 300*l*. In the fear of being unable to be present, the venerable patriarch had prepared a written reply, and was represented by one of his sons, Dr. Risdon Bennett, physician at St. Thomas's Hospital. But Dr. Bennett did attend, though his infirmities prevented him from hearing a word of what passed. On the presentation of the memorial emblazoned on vellum, he stood up amid great bodily weakness, and proceeded with extraordinary energy to address the assembly, expatiating on by-gone days, and the goodness of God to him and his people. It is described as having been a very affecting spectacle. Amongst the ministers who took part in the proceedings were the Revs. Dr. Tidman, Campbell, the Rev. Mr. Hollis, and the Rev. J. S. Hail, Dr. Bennett's successor. The Rev. T. Birney, who was unable to attend, wrote a cordial letter expressing his deep interest in "the venerable patriarch in his wonderful old age," and his affectionate admiration for him. Thus, after *sixty-two years* of an honoured ministry and of public service in the cause of his Master, Dr. Bennett retired into private life in 1860.

Dr. Bennett will perhaps be better remembered for his theological works than for his eminence as an Independent minister. He was the author of a treatise on "Justification by Faith," "Lectures on the Acts of the Apostles," and at an earlier period obtained some celebrity by bringing out with Dr. Bogue the well-known "History of Dissent."

The remains of the deceased minister will be interred in Abney Park Cemetery to-morrow (Thursday) at one o'clock. The funeral sermon will be preached by the Rev. S. M'All of Hackney Theological Institution, and the Rev. T. Jefferson, of Stoke-Newington, will deliver the address at the grave.—*Noncon., Dec. 10.*

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LANCASHIRE COLLEGE—PRINCE ALBERT FELLOWSHIP.—At the beginning of the year 1862 a proposal was made to endow a "Prince Albert Fellowship" in the Lancashire Independent College. The result has been the collection of £700, which has been invested in South-Eastern Railway preference stock at four and a-half per cent. interest, as the foundation of the proposed fellowship.

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The Rev. David Thomas, of Stockwell, author of the "Care of Creeds," "The Crisis," and "Progress of Bede," and also the editor of the "Homilist," of which 45,000 volumes have been sold, has recently received, through Dr. Baird, of New York, the title of D.D., conferred by the Waynesburgh College, Pennsylvania, on account of his Theological works, which have a large circulation in the United States.

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CLAYLANDS CHAPEL, KENNINGTON.—The Rev. J. Baldwin Brown and his congregation are not unmindful of their poor neighbours this winter. A new series of meetings of the same kind as were held last year was commenced on Monday evening week. About two hundred of the poorest of the neighbourhood sat down to tea—an abundant and comfortable meal. After tea the company removed to the upper schoolroom, and spent some time in looking at pictures and microscopic objects. Several gentlemen had microscopes, stereoscopes, galvanic batteries, &c., and were most indefatigable in their efforts to gratify their visitors. During the evening the number increased to nearly three hundred, all of whom seemed to enjoy the meeting thoroughly. Several members of the congregation who had formed a choir, and met for the practice of glees and other pieces of music for the occasion, contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of the guests. Mr.