

bytery of Inverness to the parish of viot. The facilities which his new charge afforded for that constant reading, on which his mind was bent, tended to impair a frame which, though proverbially strong, had already yielded to too great exposure. The consequence was that, in November 1849, he awoke one morning to find himself almost blind. All his medical skill could do hardly enabled him to read the largest print, and that only for a few years; for by December 1852, he found himself stone blind, though the eye continued clear and bright to the last. He still officiated regularly, and occasionally preached for all the different members of Presbytery. To assist him in studying, while travelling in America, Mr. Mackichan had committed to memory almost the entire canon of the New Testament, and from this he had derived the greatest advantage.—*Inverness Courier*.

THE LATE REV. JAMES HAMILTON, MINISTER OF NEWABBEY.—In our obituary is recorded the death of one of the respected members of the Church of Scotland—the Rev. James Hamilton of Newabbey. His punctilious endurance at his post of duty in our church courts, his accurate knowledge of ecclesiastical laws and forms, and his uncompromising regard for simple purity of administration, made him one of the most valuable members of our Dumfries Presbytery. In his pastoral duties, and in all the relations of life, his leading characteristic was still conscientious faithfulness. A braver and better man never did his Great Master's work.—*Dumfries Herald*.

The Rev. Dr. Keir having been summoned to the immediate enjoyment in heaven, of that Master whom he so long and so faithfully served in the church below, the following word was ordered to be inserted in the minutes of Presbytery, viz:—"As it pleased Almighty God, in his wise and inscrutable providence, to remove by death our venerable Minister, the Rev. John Keir, B. D., S. T. P., Presbytery would record their high sense of his worth and usefulness, as a man—as a Christian—as a minister of Christ—as a professor of theology—as president of the Board of Foreign Missions, and in all the various relations of life. Having come to this island at that early period when it was a literal as well as a moral wilderness, he cheerfully submitted to the privations and hardships incident to a new country, for the sake of promoting the cause of his Great Master. In many localities where there are now respectable congregations, he was instrumental in first sowing the seed of divine truth, from which he lived to see a rich harvest. He was eminently of a meek, quiet, and unassuming temper. He was distinguished for his adherence to the principles of sovereign and free grace, for his

disinterested benevolence, his cheerful self-denial, and his untiring assiduity in his Master's service. He was a warm friend of our Foreign Mission—one of its first projectors and most efficient promoters. Young men looking forward to the ministry ever found in him a sincere friend and ready assistance in their studies. He has gone down to his grave in the 79th year of his age, and after a ministry of 50 years, having sustained an unblemished reputation, and been the object of the affectionate respect of the whole church to which he was so long a blessing."

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. DILL.—Dr. Dill, a distinguished minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, died recently in Dublin.

DEATH OF MR. CAMERON, OF LOCHIEL.—The death of Donald Cameron, Esq., of Lochiel, took place at Hampden House, Missenden, Buckinghamshire, on the 4th inst. Mr. Cameron succeeded his father in September, 1832: entered the Grenadier Guards in 1814, and was present at the battle of Waterloo. He retired from the army in 1832. For many years the deceased labored under ill-health, and was unable to reside on his patrimonial estate in the Highlands. He was born in 1796, and in 1832 was married to Lady Vere Hobart, sister of the Earl of Buckingham, by whom he had issue two sons and four daughters. The eldest son, who also bears the name of Donald, was born in 1835. Lady Cameron survives to lament her irreparable loss.—*Inverness Courier*.

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The home religious intelligence of the past month has been unusually barren in features of general interest. The special Church of England services in London have extended to the opening of St. Paul's. Vestry meetings continue to be held to agitate the confessional question. The question of Church-rates is under agitation among many of the Dissenters, and it is considered by the supporters of abolition that there is good prospect of success in the approaching session. The sentence of suspension against Mr. Cheyne, by Bishop Sutherland of Aberdeen, has been sustained by the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The sentence is scarcely reconcilable with the formerly expressed opinions on the Sacramental question of some of the Church dignitaries who passed it. Dr. Pusey and the Tractarians generally are much disappointed with the result. The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church, which had fallen