

Communications.

THE LATE JOHN JAMIESON BLACK.

The following notice appeared in the *Weekly Globe* of Dec. 9th, 1870 :

"In Nissouri West, at his father's residence, on the 27th November, after a lingering illness, deeply lamented, aged 24, John Jamieson Black, Student University College, Toronto."

He was characterized by singular sobriety from his boyhood. He early devoted himself in resolve to the work of the Gospel ministry, and with this in view he applied himself with diligence to the acquisition of learning. In attendance upon Sabbath School, Bible Class, and the public worship of God he was most exemplary. His parents, in the year 1861, removed for a time to Guelph, in the neighborhood of which for some years he taught school, maintaining there the same upright manner of life which had secured him the esteem of all who had known him previously. In the fall of the year 1868 he entered the Toronto University, and during two sessions gave himself without reserve to his work. Painstaking and persevering, rather than brilliant, he made great progress; and promised, ere the four years of study had elapsed, to stand in the first rank of students. On coming home in the spring of 1870 he looked somewhat unwell; it was hoped, however, that by rest and home care he would soon regain strength. Having come under some engagement to do mission work within the bounds of the Guelph Presbytery, after a few weeks' rest he left to fulfil his engagement, although his parents and most intimate friends felt that in his state of health it was not prudent for him to do so. After laboring a few weeks his health gave way. He returned to his father's home, where he continued till his death. His lungs were seriously affected. Several abscesses were formed, and discharged. Medical skill was obtained. Nothing was left untried that promised any help. In vain! He sank rapidly as the fall sank into winter, and on the morning of Sabbath, the 27th November, about 10 o'clock, he breathed his last.

During his illness the writer of the present sketch had frequent opportunities of ascertaining his views on the prospect of death. There was no ecstasy. There was, however, solid, settled peace, flowing from faith in the Redeemer. In the faith of the Gospel he lived and died. His life was singularly consistent. He adorned the doctrine of God his Saviour. He held with tenacity what he believed to be the doctrines of the Bible, but he held them without bigotry, and declared them without bitterness.

All who know the circumstances of the case sympathise deeply with the bereaved family. An only son and brother taken—so full of kindness, of faithfulness, and of humility; so much of true manliness and of unostentatious piety;—many hopes lie buried with him. May the Divine Comforter comfort these sorrowing ones.

On the same day, and in the same neighborhood, Mrs. Lamond, another member of the Church, died. She had been long afflicted with cancer, when death came to her relief. She, too, lived in the faith, and died in the faith. On the same day and at the same hour they were buried in the burying ground connected with the Nissouri North Canada Presbyterian Church. Services in connection with their removal were held in the church on the day of burial, and on the following Sabbath. May the apparent