

specting them and their congregations to be to him in a far country. He entreated an interest in their prayers, and assured them he would not cease to supplicate God, that they and the people of the north might walk together in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and be edified and multiplied.

The Rev. Dr. James Brown, of Dalkeith, then addressed the meeting. He first referred to his acquaintance with Dr. Taylor, and his high appreciation of that gentleman's talents and excellencies; and then proceeded to give an address on "the importance of an educated Ministry for Canada." Dr. Brown was followed by the Rev. John Wyse, of Auchtermuchty, who spoke at considerable length on the regret felt by all who knew Dr. Taylor at parting with him, and on the consolations of the Christian under such circumstances.

The services of the evening were concluded by again engaging in devotional exercises; after which, and a few parting words from Dr. Taylor, the meeting separated.

The following inscription was written on the first volume of the Encyclopedia:—"Presented (along with the Critici Lucii and Theaurus, in 13 vols. folio), to the Rev. Dr. John Taylor, Auchtermuchty, by the members of the Cupar Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, and other friends, on his leaving Scotland to enter on the office of Professor of Theology to the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, as a mark of their esteem for his character, admiration of his talents, and earnest desire for his future usefulness."—Cupar-Fife, May 23, 1859."

ADVERTISING.—PRESENTATION.—As soon as it was known that the Rev. Dr. Taylor had accepted the call of the Canadian Synod, a number of his admirers and well-wishers, among whom are those of all ranks and denominations in the town and vicinity, resolved to present to him some suitable testimonial. Accordingly, most of the subscribers, along with other friends of Dr. Taylor, met with him on the evening of Tuesday week, in our Town Hall. Dr. Elsdale was called to preside, and begged, in name of himself and other friends, Dr. Taylor's acceptance of an elegant silver snuff-box, which he then presented to him; adding that, by surplus funds, they were enabled to present Mr. Taylor with a gold pencil-case. Dr. Taylor having accepted the gift, returned his cordial thanks to one and all of the friends who had so honoured him.

We understand the following resolution was received by Dr. Taylor on Friday, but not referred to till after the meeting:—"Glasgow, 26th May, 1852.—The Committee on Scholarship having learned that the Rev. Dr. Taylor, late of Auchtermuchty, had accepted the appointment to go out as Professor of Theology to the United Presbyterian Synod of Canada, cannot allow him to leave this country without recording their deep sense of the value of the services he has rendered to the important measure entrusted to their charge. His able assistance in the preparation of papers, in the examination of candidates, and his efficient guidance of their general business, as well as his kind and active interest in all matters relating to the happiness of candidates for the ministry, fully entitle him, in the judgment of the Committee, to the gratitude of the Church at home, and warrant confident hopes of his eminent usefulness and success in the honourable position he is about to occupy in the country to which he is proceeding. In the name of the Committee."  
(Signed) "DAVID KING, Chairman."

On Sabbath evening, a farewell service of a devotional character was held in the Rev. Dr. James Taylor's Church, Glasgow, to commend the new Professor of Theology to the Divine care and blessing. The church was packed by a deeply attentive audience. The Rev. Drs. King, Anderson and McFarlane, conducted the exercises.

#### THE LATE REV. JAMES ROY, ST. GEORGE, C. W.

The short but appropriate notice in this Magazine, of the late Rev. James Roy, might supercede any further delineation, were it not that something more is expected. Little can be said in reference to the earlier part of his life, from the fact that none of his friends are near us. He was born in the neighbourhood of Greenloaning, Perthshire, Scotland, it is believed, in the year 1797. With his father's family he was, at an early period, removed to the neighbourhood of Denny, in the County of Stirling, where he prosecuted his elementary education, and where he had an opportunity of sitting under the solid and instructive ministry of the late Dr. Stark. After this, he attended a regular course of classical and philosophical study in the University of Glasgow, which was followed up in 1815, by his entering the Divinity Hall at Edinburgh, under the inspection of the late Dr. Paxton, Professor of Theology to the General Associate Synod. Here he spent five sessions prior to his being licensed to preach the Gospel.

It was here that the writer first became acquainted with him; and he remembers his youthful appearance, his social and kindly disposition, his diligent attention to his studies, and his uniform propriety of deportment. Having completed his Theological course, he was, after the usual examinations and trials, licensed by the Presbytery of Stirling, in the year 1820—the year of the union of the two branches of the Secession. From this time, so long as he remained in Scotland, he preached the Gospel under the Synodical appointments of the United Secession Church.

In the year 1837, he turned his thoughts to Canada, and being requested by the Mission Board to emigrate to this Province as a missionary, he accepted their proposal; was ordained by the Presbytery of Stirling, and sent out to labour in the wide and interesting field which is here presented. At this period there were but ten ministers of our connexion in both provinces. These formed a Missionary Presbytery, although, in general, they were far separated from each other. Having visited the various stations, Mr. Roy was called by the congregations of St. George and Beverley, jointly, and by the congregation at Chatham. Preferring the first call, he was inducted at St. George on the 3rd December, 1835, and at Beverley on the 5th December, 1838. The Rev. Thomas Christie, of Flamboro' West, presiding at both places. In the course of a few years he opened a station in the town of Brantford, with the view to ripen it for obtaining a minister of its own, which has since been realized. Soon after this he demitted the charge of Beverley, with the same design, which step has since been followed with the same success. In the meantime, we think, in 1846, Mr. Roy opened a station at Glen Morris, which soon became a flourishing congregation, requiring the half of his services; and to the congregation of St. George, and this new congregation, dividing his time between them, he ministered with diligence, acceptability, and success, till the time of his death, which took place suddenly and unexpectedly, on the morning of Saturday,\* the 15th of May last, in the circumstances stated in the preceding number of this Magazine.

The character, attainments, and usefulness of our late brother, are referred to in the preceding number, and by further notices it is not meant to interfere with the just tribute of respect already paid.

It is granted by all who knew him, that he had a vigorous mind—capable of exhibiting views of Divine truth beyond the common range, so as to instruct and gratify an enlightened audience. And although he could not be said to have the ornaments of oratory, nor the nicer beauties of style, nor to be, in the common sense of the words, a fluent and popular preacher, yet, there was often a chasteness and richness in the thoughts, which riveted the attention of serious and intelligent hearers—which made them look at truth in its own transparency and beauty—and, inducing them to overlook the manner, made them seize, value, and improve the matter of what they heard. He was diligent in his preparations, not attempting to feed souls with what cost him nothing. And we trust that whilst writing out sermons, which he did fully, he was much at a Throne of Grace in earnest prayer, for Divine direction to himself, and for the effectual application of the Spirit to render his ministrations the means of saving good to his hearers.

His integrity was often seen in his general intercourse with society; his straightforwardness of purpose was known to all. And in the Church Courts,† where he was often useful, his uncompromising adherence to convictions of truth and duty, was sometimes prominent. Occasionally he took up views, or proposed measures peculiar to himself, and although he might stand alone, he stood firm; so much so, that to strangers he might appear fastidious or dogmatical, whilst those who knew him believed that he acted from full conviction of duty, and from zeal for the honor of Christ.

Whilst he retained the utmost composure and deliberation of manner, his steadiness of discharging all duties belonging to his sacred calling were ever remarkable. No sooner was he called to any service, than, with calmness yet earnestness, he set himself to perform it. Every personal consideration of ease and social enjoyment, in which he delighted and gave delight, or even pressing private engagements, were at once laid aside, when the sick-bed, however distant, required his attendance, or mourners required consolation.

Great was his toil during the fourteen years of his life in Canada.—Many were the exertions, many his sacrifices in prosecuting his labours of love. God honoured him with much success in his own congregations, and made him the means of organizing and nursing others. He did not

\* By mistake, the June number reports that Mr. Roy was struck with apoplexy, on his way to Ayr, on the 15th May, and that he died on Sabbath morning. But it was on Friday, the 14th May, that he was struck, and his death took place, as we have stated, on the morning of Saturday.

† It ought to have been mentioned that Mr. Roy officiated, for many years, as Clerk to the Presbytery of Flamboro', to the satisfaction of all his brethren.