

benefits of the prelections, under very judicious rules. There is also a theological seminary in the same place, and in the same connexion. From all I saw and heard of these institutions and of the men who have the charge of them, I am led to entertain a very high opinion of their literary and theological character. It is seventeen years since I became acquainted with Dr. Pressly, the venerable head of the older school of theology at Pittsburgh, in the same ecclesiastical connexion. Some things have recently occurred in their synodical proceedings and otherways, which lead me to hope that by some modifications that involve no sacrifice of principle, the way may be opened for a closer fellowship between us, and that elder branch of the once undivided Presbyterian Church of Scotland and of Ireland.

On my way back from Monmouth and Elmira, I stopped two nights on a visit of sympathy to the Rev. Mr. Ebbs, formerly of Faris, now of Aurora, a beautiful rising town of 12,000 inhabitants. Mr. Ebbs is a faithful and acceptable minister of the Congregational Church, and it has pleased God to visit him lately with a very distressing domestic trial in the loss of his only son who was drowned while bathing; a most promising young man. I also, when in the city, paid two visits to our worthy friend Mr. Duncan, formerly at Perth, now at Evanston, a peculiarly attractive sphere of pastoral usefulness, 12 miles from Chicago, on the banks of the Lake. In other instances, my visit to Chicago, and to the lovely prairies of Illinois, revived the acquaintanceships of other years, leaving my mind impressions salutary and sweet.

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THE LATE MR. W. LYNN.

Mr. William Lynn was a native of Ireland. At an early period of life he became a member of the Presbyterian congregation of Runnelstown and afterwards of Ballymena, and subsequently an elder. On his coming to Canada he settled for a time in the neighbourhood of St. Thomas, where he enjoyed the pastoral services of the late Rev. John McKinnon, of Beckwith, whose piety he highly appreciated and to whom he was strongly attached. From this neighbourhood he removed to that of Fingal, where he succeeded, by the blessing of God on his industry, care, and perseverance, to secure a comfortable home for himself and family. He also connected himself with the congregation, and soon after was chosen one of its Elders.

In all the relations of life Mr. Lynn endeavoured to be the christian. In his own house he aimed at making religion the life and happiness of his family. We have no hesitation in saying, his neighbours will long remember and miss him. And as a member and elder of the congregation he was highly esteemed and respected.

During the last years of his life he suffered much from bodily disease, which was of a spinal character, and attended with great pain; but he bore it with christian resignation and fortitude. At length the earthly tabernacle gave way, and he died on the 1st December, 1866, aged 67 years, in the hope of that immortality and eternal life which is by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. "His latter end," as might be expected, "was peace," and we have no doubt "great gain."

"Take comfort christians when your friends
In Jesus fall asleep."

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