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OBITUARY NOTICES.

REV. JOHN HARRIS, D.D.
Dr. Harris, Principal of New College, London, England, died on the 21st Dec. aged 52. He was author of a number of popular and valuable works,-The Great Teacher, Mammon, the Pre-Adamite Earth, &c. In 1837 he succeeded the Rev. Dr. Broadfoot, as Professor of Theology in Cheshunt College; and in 1850 was transferred to New College, which was then formed out of Highburgh, Homerton, and Coward Colleges. His last illness lasted about a fortnight, and his death is said to have been peaceful and serene.

HUGH MILLER, ESQ.

This very distinguished Scotsman died in painful circumstances, at Portobello, near Edinburgh, on the 23rd Dec., aged 53. His mind, it appears, had been for some time in a partially disordered condition—the result, in all probability, of over exertion. He was engaged with a new work on Geology, on which he was bestowing a great deal of labor. The day before his death he consulted a medical friend who prescribed rest and suitable medicine. He had been in the habit of keeping a loaded pistol in his bed-room, from an apprehencion that there was danger of robbers. On the morning of the 24th he was found shot through the chest, and his pistol lying beside him. A number of medical men acting under the sanction of the Procurator Fiscal, after examining the body, declared "The cause of death we found to be a pistol shot through the left side of the chest; and this, we are satisfied, was inflicted by his own hand." They add "We have no doubt the act was suicidal, under the impulse of insanity." Mr. M. was bred a stone-mason at Cromarty; and entirely by his own efforts, under the Divine blessing, came to be one of the most celebrated men of his age. He was an admirable writer of English. In Geology and some kindred sciences he was unsurpassed; and as Editor of the Witness, and author of a number of pamphlets, he probably did more than any other man, except Dr. Chalmers, to bring about the formation of the Free Church. He has unquestionably left his impress on the times; and will be long, and reverentially, remembered.