

Miss Baird, being questioned by Mr. McLaren, said that she fell from her charge against Mrs. Toshach.

The minutes were then read and approved, and the Commission closed at half-past one of the clock, on Friday morning, the moderator leading in prayer.

JOHN LAING, *Moderator.*

JOHN BURTON, *Clerk.*

Communications.

THE LATE MR. ALEXANDER McKERRACHER.

Mr. Alexander McKerracher, the subject of this narrative, was a native of Glenlyon, Perthshire, Scotland, and was much beloved and respected by all who knew him.

He was first awakened to a sense of his sin and danger under the preaching of Mr. John McAlister, who was then minister of Glenlyon. He was ordained to the eldership in the congregation of Glenlyon, and continued to exercise said office with great credit to himself and congregation until he removed to Killin. After Mr. McKerracher settled in Killin, the congregation, under the pastoral care of Mr. Alexander Stewart, called him to the eldership. He held said office until his removal to Canada in the year 1853. Having arrived in Canada, he remained for two years in Esquimes, where he was much edified by the preaching of Mr. McLachlan, who is now in Beaverton. Mr. McKerracher then removed to Brant, in the County of Bruce, and was one of the first settlers there. His christian life and character soon gained for him the wide-spread respect and favour of all who knew him. For the last eight years he conducted a prayer meeting. At first he was very diffident in the use of English, but soon had great liberty. Mr. McKerracher died at his residence, in Brant, on the 29th day of March, 1868, after a period of twelve days' sickness.

During his sickness he was easy and composed in mind. He enjoyed much of the presence of his Lord, and said he was going home. A few days before his death he told his friends that the coming sabbath would take his soul to glory, and so it was: for next sabbath, about 4, p.m., he entered into his rest, and we doubt not but he was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom. Many Christian friends visited him in his sickness, and he took great pleasure in their devotional exercises. Mr. Bell, the missionary there at the time, visited him often, and his services were greatly appreciated. Mr. McKerracher, just before his death, commended his beloved wife and family to the Lord, "who is a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow." His whole heart, for years, had been bound up in the prosperity of the congregation, of which he was a respected and zealous elder. He was much concerned about the settlement of Mr. D. Duff, who had received a call from Brant congregation. Although no word of Mr. Duff's acceptance of the call had reached him when he died, yet he expressed his assurance that he would accept it, and so he thanked God for a minister to the congregation. Mr. McKerracher leaves a wife and five children to mourn his removal. Three died before himself; the last boy on the fourth of March, 1868.

Communicated.