

and an author. He died at his residence, near Glasgow, on the 17th of December last.

Mr. Jay, whom the *London Patriot* styles "the patriarch of English preachers and the father of the Congregational ministry in the United Kingdom," died on the 27th December, in the 85th year of his age. He commenced preaching while very young; and one day occupied the pulpit of the Rev. Rowland Hill, Surrey Chapel, when only sixteen years old. For a time he was called "The boy preacher." He possessed an extraordinary talent for sententious and antithetical, but, withal, elegant speaking and writing; and his discourses being eminently judicious, practical, and pious, and his personal character corresponding, he was singularly popular, both as a preacher and an author. Few individuals in our day have had the privilege of addressing such multitudes, both from the pulpit and through the press. He has left behind him, it is said, a full autobiography, which will be waited for with much interest.

Of Dr. Wardlaw, also, a suitable memoir will doubtless soon appear. Meanwhile, able delineations of his character will be found in the funeral sermons preached by his friends, the Rev. Drs. John Brown and William Lindsay Alexander, of Edinburgh.

GERMAN LUTHERANISM.

The Rev. J. G. Oncken, a Baptist Minister, who has spent upwards of thirty years in Hamburg, and has suffered, as well as laboured much in the cause of Christianity, lately visited Toronto; and delivered some remarkably interesting addresses, respecting the state of religion in Germany. We always understood that German Protestantism, under the name of Neology, made a very near approach to infidelity; but we were not aware that in the Lutheran Church, Popery so rank and undisguised was professed and practised. Confession and absolution, it seems, regularly precede the observance of the Lord's Supper; and while the confession is generally not very ample, the absolution differs little from that granted by the priests of Rome. The prevalence of irreligion and immorality, he represented as shocking and appalling. It was refreshing to hear of the extent to which, under the Divine blessing, his labours, and those of his coadjutors, had been successful, in enlightening and reclaiming a portion of the community. But a vastly more extensive agency seems to be urgently demanded.

PREACHER FROM SCOTLAND.

The Rev. Joseph Scott, of the United Presbyterian Church, has lately arrived in Canada, from Hawick, Roxburghshire. Mr. S. has the character of being an excellent preacher; and we trust will prove an acquisition to the Church in this Province.

CALLS.

Mr. Matthew Barr, Probationer, has recently received two calls—one to McKillop; another to Hibbert.

CONGREGATIONAL LITURGY.

At the recent Conference of the Congregationalists, held at Manchester, the Rev. Thomas Binney, of the Weigh-house Chapel, London, urged on his brethren the desirableness of a Liturgy being prepared for the use of the body; i. e., of such churches as might be disposed to adopt it.