

Only the volumes on Metaphysics have yet appeared, and they are both included in the one volume now before us, which, for useful purposes, is all that could be desired. It is well known that Sir William was the prince of British, perhaps of European philosophers. These Lectures, being adapted to young men and beginners, are much simpler, and more elementary, than most of what the author had formerly published—such as his “Discussions.” We warmly recommend the book to students, and to those who wish to revise their philosophical pursuits.”

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## Missionary Intelligence.

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JAMAICA.—NEW BROUGHTON.

The Rev. A. G. Hogg says, 10th March: “During the past year I have lost a very useful member of my session—Alexander Shaw, and this is the first breach that death has made among our elders. His death was very peaceful. This good brother was at the first a persecuter of the Cocoa-Walk Congregation, but at length became one of its most zealous friends. He was devotedly attached to the Missionaries, and had a very strong affection for that warm friend of this station, Dr. Robson of Glasgow, whom, while he sojourned in Jamaica, he regarded it as his sacred prerogative to attend and care for, and from whose converse he derived much benefit. Shaw acted as our church officer; and till his last sickness I never missed him from the place of worship—he was always the first at the chapel and the last to leave it—never absent from his class or prayer-meeting—never behind with his subscriptions, always the first to head any effort the congregation were called on to make. He was a living embodiment of the sentiment of David, ‘I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than a dweller in the tents of wickedness.’ He had a peculiar temper; and having been much indulged about ‘the great house’ in former days, as the son of a Dr. Shaw, he had rather too much of ‘the spoiled child’ about him; but along with this there was so much of fine native humour, that his self-willedness became more tolerable, though at times the irony of which he was a perfect master he could make to tell with damaging effect on any brother whose ‘doxy’ was not the same as Shaw’s *doxy*. Our brother struggled for some months with intermittent fever, but was at last obliged to take to bed. I was glad to learn from his widow, that before this he was in the habit of coming in from the field about mid-day, and of taking his Bible into his closet, and there spending some time in reading and secret prayer. There had been some little dispute between him and an only brother, which was not properly adjusted; but as soon as he took to bed Alick sent for him; there were mutual confessions—the two brothers kissed each other, and they were never separated till the day of Alick’s death. I often saw him during his last illness, and was present with him till he was breathing his last. His calmness and composure never deserted him. One day he said to Mr. Hannah, ‘I was just thinking yesterday I will be the first of the session that will go to glory and see my Redeemer.’ He often repeated with evident pleasure the promises, on which I trust God had caused him to hope. On the morning of his death he gave instructions about his funeral, assembled his wife and children around him, and solemnly charged them to make religion their first and chief concern—to follow the counsels of their minister, always to wait on the means of grace, and to contribute cheerfully for the support of the gospel. About a quarter of an hour before his death, I had come in: he at once recognised me; his voice was very feeble, but he distinctly