

DEATH OF REV. ALEXANDER RUSSELL.

On Saturday Aug. 11th, Rev. A. Russell passed away suddenly at the ripe age of 72 years.

He was born in Elgin, Scotland in 1816, and came to this county as a teacher in 1842. For the next eighteen years he taught school, first at Meaghers' Grant, then at Middle Musquodobit, then at Clifton Col. Co.

For the next sixteen years from 1860 to 1876, first as colporteur and then as agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society he travelled the country, and became widely known and everywhere a welcome visitor and a most successful worker. In this sphere he did not confine himself to speaking on behalf of his special work but preached as opportunity offered and always with great acceptance.

In 1876 he was received by authority of the Synod into the ministry and called to Dalhousie where he has labored for the last twelve years.

Last summer he was for a length of time laid aside from work but rallied so far as to resume his duties but not for long. Soon came the rest and the joy of his Lord.

DEATH OF REV. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

On Friday, Aug. 17th, this faithful man was suddenly called to his rest and reward. He was comparatively young, not much over fifty years of age and seemed to promise fair for many years of life and labor yet to come. He had been in the ministry for thirty two years.

He was born in Stewiacke, Colchester County, and studied for the ministry at the old West River Seminary.

His first charge was Harvey in New Brunswick where he was ordained and inducted in 1856. In this small but widely settled charge he labored for twenty years faithfully and well.

He then accepted a call to Chipman, N. B. where for the last twelve years he has patiently wrought, and where his works will follow him.

Mr. Johnson has one son in the ministry, now laboring temporarily in Demarara, and another whose studies for the same work are nearly completed.

Mrs. Johnson was a sister of Rev. K. J. Grant our missionary in Trinidad, and to her and her bereaved family a heartfelt

and loving sympathy will be given by the many who knew and esteemed the departed for his great and modest worth.

DEATH OF REV. JOHN MACKINNON.

Though the younger generation know little of Mr. McKinnon, to the Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces ten and twenty years ago his name was very familiar for in the public work of the church he took an active part.

He was a native of P. E. Island, and pursued his studies partly in Nova Scotia partly in Edinburgh. He labored for many years at Hopewell, Pictou County, his first charge and afterwards at Georgetown, P. E. I. About six years since he went to Scotland and not long afterward was settled in the parish of Nigg, in Rosshire, where he has since labored.

His illness, inflammation of the lungs was very short. He preached in his usual health, the last Sabbath of his life, took ill on Tuesday and died on Saturday. One Sabbath serving in earthly temples, the next in temples not made with hands.

KEMPT AND WALTON.

SKETCH OF THEIR CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY.

[For the *Maritime*.

These two localities are situated in the County of Hants, on the shore of Minas Basin, about sixteen miles apart though forming but a small congregation yet they are loyally attached to the Presbyterian Church and have been exceedingly liberal in the support of ordinances. They cannot lay claim to an ancient history for they have only had an existence of twenty one years in a separate capacity. They have also suffered to some extent from short pastorates and long vacancies.

When there were but a few scattered families of Presbyterians on this shore they received some attention at the hands of three men who were settled not many miles distant, who paid them occasional visits and under whose care they made progress. Though Fathers Spratt, Murdoch, and Summerville have gone the way of all the earth, grateful recollections of their visits are still cherished.

After Newport was disjoined from Windsor and formed a separate congregation regular supply was given. Many a