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IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 5.

### DEATH OF REV. DR. DONALD, OF ST. JOHN.

On Monday morning, the 20th ult., ten minutes past eight o'clock, one of our oldest and most esteemed clergymen died at his residence in Pagan Place. For the last twenty-two years, Dr. Donald has presided over St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of this city, and his death leaves a great blank in the community and in the Church at large. Since his arrival in this city in the year 1849, he has manifested a deep interest in all that tended to promote the temporal and spiritual interests of its inhabitants, and, by his kind and genial disposition, steady adherence to principle, his scholarly attainments and talents, he secured a high position in the respect and esteem of all ranks and classes of his fellow-citizens.

As a member of the St. John Grammar School Board, he took a deep interest in the management of that unfortunate institution, and struggled hard to remove some of the obstacles which the late years have so crushed it down to its present state. Dr. Donald was also the most useful member of the Madras Board, and most efficiently discharged

the important duties that devolved upon him as one of the visiting examiners.

From the first he was connected with the Home for the Fallen, and several other useful and charitable institutions in this city, in all of which his sound practical experience and deep Christian sympathy will be greatly missed. As the pastor of the largest and wealthiest congregation of Presbyterians in this Province, his influence was widely felt, and many of the clergymen throughout the different sections of the Province will feel that a great blank has been made by Dr. Donald's death. The young clergymen, especially, will miss his earnest counsel and advice in Presbytery and Synod. To many of them he was a spiritual father. His house was always a most welcome home, and his interest in them, especially during their college career, they can never forget without being guilty of the greatest ingratitude.

By the death of Dr. Donald, the Masonic Fraternity of this city and Province have also suffered a serious loss. For several years he has given his influence to the advancement of the