

worse, and died at half-past one on Wednesday morning. By all who were personally acquainted with him, his death will be deeply felt; and yet they cannot sorrow as those who have no hope, for his whole life may be said to have been a preparation for death; and at last he could say with the Psalmist, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." His death was calm and peaceful, and although he must have suffered intensely during the greater part of his illness, he made no complaint. Perfectly conscious of his precarious condition, he yet felt no fear, for, as he said himself, he knew in whom he had believed. He told the Rev. Mr. Grant of Delaware, just two days before his death that he would like to live for the sake of his family, but for his own part to die would be far better.

Such death-bed scenes as this, such peace and joy on the near approach of the last enemy, form the strongest arguments in favour of that religion which we profess. Let us all endeavour so to live that when the time for the final parting comes for us also, we may be able to look forward with full assurance of hope to a blessed re-union in that place where parting is unknown.

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THE LATE JAMES LINDSAY, ESQ.

Of the many excellent men from the eldership of our Church whose deaths have been noticed in the *Missionary Record*, few are more worthy to be remembered than the late James Lindsay, who died at Linthouse on the 27th of November last, in the 52nd year of his age.

Mr. Lindsay's parents, who still survive to mourn the removal of their affectionate and beloved son, and to exemplify the fruits of a genuine piety and devoted christian life in their old age, emigrated from the south of Scotland to the township of Esquering, when James, their first-born, was a youth of about 14 years of age. His parents, appreciating the advantages of a good education, availed themselves of the opportunities which their position afforded of sending him to the grammar school in his native place. The studies there followed he prosecuted in this country at the grammar school in Hamilton, till he acquired an amount of learning which few non-professional men attain. Though not engaged in professional pursuits, these studies were kept up by him through life, especially that of mathematics, for which he had great aptitude and in which he found much pleasure. He had at one time directed his thoughts to the work of the christian ministry, and we have frequently heard it remarked concerning him, "It was a pity such excellent talent and real worth should not have been devoted to that work." But the providence of God ordered it otherwise. After successfully following the profession of school teacher for a time, he gave himself principally to the occupation of farming, at the same time displaying great energy and enterprise in turning to profitable account the vast quantity of limestone found on the lands belonging to his family.

Mr. Lindsay was distinguished by the possession of a well cultivated and very acute intellect, clear judgment, firm will, dauntless moral courage, unflinching attachment to whatever he judged right, and above all, by a very sincere but unobtrusive and humble piety. Though his intellectual culture and sound judgment enabled him to discharge successfully the duties of magistrate and other important offices which he held, yet his naturally retiring and modest disposition prevented him from being so