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**DIED.**

On Sabbath afternoon, at his own residence, the REV. JOHN MCKINLAY, A. M., Pastor of the Congregation of Pictou in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in the 62nd year of his age.

He was born in the parish of Falkirk, Scotland, and arrived in this country in the autumn of 1817. For several years he was the able coadjutor of the late Rev. Dr. MacCulloch in the Pictou Academy: and many who now fill important and honorable stations in this Province and elsewhere, remember with grateful affection, the instructions received from him in that Institution.

On the 11th day of August 1824, he was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Pictou; and for the space of 26 years and upwards, he discharged the duties of the pastorate with fidelity and success; a peaceful and happy death closed a life of active exertion in the service of his divine master.

As a man, he was distinguished, during life for the urbanity of his manners, and for extensive and accurate scholarship. As a divine, his views of scriptural truth were clear and evangelical. His pulpit ministrations blended in happy harmony, law and gospel, doctrine and duty, the sound of alarm, and words of consolation. His visits to the house of mourning were frequent and highly appreciated. He delighted to pour the oil and the balm of spiritual comfort into the sorrowful heart. The youth of his congregation were the objects of his tender solicitude and he was not without evidence that his labours of

love were esteemed and blessed. In the public affairs of the church he took an active part, and on her records his name is honorably associated with many of her most important measures. His memory will long be cherished with grateful affection by a beloved and loving people.

While his congregation were assembled for public worship and while the brother who occupied his pulpit was offering up a prayer which for appropriateness and fervency will long be remembered by those who have heard it, his spirit released from its "house of clay" winged its flight, amid the devotions of his flock, to "the land that is very far off."

*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, for they shall rest from their labours and their works do follow them.*

[We extract from the *Eastern Chronicle*, the above notice of the esteemed father whose unexpected removal the church has so much reason to deplore. We trust to be able to publish in an early No. a more extended notice of his character and labors.]

SYNOD'S SEMINARY.

The annual examination of the Classical and Philosophical Departments of the Synod's Seminary, under the superintendance of the Rev. James Ross, took place at the West River, on the 2nd October last, in presence of the Synod's Committee appointed to manage the institution, and a large number of persons from the adjacent country and the town of Pictou.

The Clergymen present were the Rev. Messrs. McKinlay, Smith, Waddell, Walker, M'Culloch, Roy, James Ross, Bayne, John M'Curdy, Watson, Campbell, M'Gilveray and Patterson. The young gentlemen in attendance numbered 21. The logic class was first examined, and by their answers to the various ques-