

**The Late Allan McQuarrie,
Cape Mabou, C. B.**

It is with no ordinary regret that we record the death of Allan McQuarrie, a Justice of the Peace, and an elder of the Church of Scotland in C. B. A loss has been sustained by the church of Brook Cove, of which he was long a member, and for several years an active elder. He always took a prominent, active part in church matters, and was very zealous in his efforts to promote the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom. To his intimate friends he was known to be a man of earnest piety, of a devout spirit, and strong faith. In business he was a man of clear judgment, keen insight and acute perception. In church politics he held strongly "moderate" views, in doctrine thoroughly evangelical. He was devotedly attached to the Church of Scotland, and only reluctantly "accepted the situation" when Brook Cove congregation voted themselves into union. Mr. McQuarrie was born at East River, Pictou County, in 1811, and was nephew of the late Evan McQuarrie, of Lorne, W. B., so long and favorably known as a pillar of West Branch congregation. He emigrated to Cape Breton in 1825, and after a life of activity, and usefulness, resigned to his heavenly Father's will, and trusting to the merits of Jesus Christ for salvation, he passed, we trust, "to the rest that remaineth for the people of God," on the 4th November, in the 60th year of his age.—*Com.*

OBITUARY.—At South Mt. Thom, on Oct. 29th, Alexr. McKenzie, elder, aged 95 years. The deceased was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and emigrated to this country about the year 1817. He was set apart to the office of eldership in St. Luke's Congregation, Salt Springs, during the ministry of the Rev. Alexr. McKay. He was a man of noted piety and spotless life. He was gathered to his fathers, old and full of years leaving a numerous circle of friends to mourn their loss.

THE old Church of Scotland is in a flourishing condition. The irritation arising from lay patronage has been removed, and with it the centrifugal force which sent so many out of the "Kirk." Of recent years the tendency has been centripetal, and the result is great additions to the numbers. In 1871 returns to the Government showed that in Scotland there were 1,124 parishes, with a membership of 436,000. In 1874 the House of Commons ordered the preparation of a return, which showed a membership of 460,000. This is an increase of 24,000 in three years or 8,000 a year. The returns from cities such as Edinburgh and Glasgow, where dissent flourishes more than in the great mining and rural parishes, show a large increase in the communicants of the Church of Scotland since 1874. The membership now cannot be less than half a million. While the "Auld Kirk" is increasing the other denominations are decreasing.