

ate Son of God!—a necessity laid on Him by many gospel-hearers and professed christians who do not and will not come unto Him that they may have life. And must the loving and the lovely Jesus at last say of such “*then cut them down?*” What else can He say? What more can He do? He has done all for them that divine wisdom could devise and all that divine love could prompt.

In regard to some of us, perhaps, the “other year” for which the Saviour interceded has commenced. Perhaps we have entered on the last year, of gracious opportunity! Let this dread possibility prompt us all instantly to seek and devotedly to serve the Lord.

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THE LATE REV. ALEX. MCKENZIE, OF MCKILLOP.

The subject of this short notice was a native of Nova Scotia. His father was Mr. Thomas McKenzie, of East River, Pictou, a farmer, a man of sound sense and much shrewdness; and his mother was a cousin in the first degree, of the late Rev. Dr. Fraser of Kennoway in Scotland.

His father, though not possessed of a liberal education, yet duly appreciated all its advantages in others; and resolved to confer upon his son the means of attaining them as far as it was in his power. Having made considerable proficiency in those studies which are usually pursued in the common school, he attended a classical academy in New Glasgow, N. S. About the close of the year 1824, he left this institution, and entered the Pictou Academy, of which the late Rev. Dr. McCulloch was Principal, and where he prosecuted studies in the Latin and Greek languages, and also in algebra, mathematics, mental, moral, and natural philosophy, astronomy, and chemistry, and completed the usual course of four years at that institution. As a student, Mr. A. McKenzie was distinguished throughout his whole course by the great diligence and perseverance with which he applied himself to his various tasks. Such was the constancy of his application that it is, perhaps, not too much to say that his constitution, naturally sound and vigorous, was in a great measure undermined and prepared for that disease which, humanly speaking, so prematurely terminated his life. He entered upon the study of theology in the year 1828, and was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Pictou at the close of the year 1832. He continued to supply the vacancies of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia until the autumn of 1834, when, application having been made by the Mission Committee in Scotland to the Nova Scotian Church for Missionaries acquainted with the Gaelic language for Canada, he was ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry by the same Presbytery, and departed immediately for Canada, in which country he arrived about the end of November following. During the above period of his career those who were most intimately acquainted with him bear ample testimony to his eminent piety. He seemed habitually to walk with God; he was of all men the least obtrusive, but to his friends to whom he spoke freely of his exercises and feelings,