

THE LATE ALEXANDER FARQUHAR, DRAPER.

We regret to have to notice the death of this esteemed gentleman, who after a lengthened and trying illness, passed away on Tuesday last at his mother's house, Tomshill, Birnie, at the age of fifty-seven. Mr. Farquhar was a son of the late Alex. Farquhar, farmer, Trochail, and served his apprenticeship with his relative, Mr. Younie, Rothes. He and his brother William, who had been an apprentice with Mr. Wilson, Elgin, went early to London, and after some years' experience in the large London houses, established in 1877 a flourishing business at Kensington. About twenty years ago they added the now well-known Elgin business of Farquhar Brothers at the head of Commerce Street, which Alexander to some extent superintended for several years. His brother's lamented death, however, in 1893, at the early age of thirty-six, called him again to London, but the Elgin business, under the able management of Mr. T. Smith, has gone on prospering. Lately, too, he has done considerable business with South Africa through the agency of his brother-in-law, Mr. Ogilvie, Pietermaritzburg. Both brothers had superior business capacity, knew the London markets perfectly, and by their upright and honourable character gained the high respect of all who had dealings with them. The late Mr. Farquhar was a man of much intelligence and large information, and of a most amiable and friendly spirit, as is manifest to-day in the very wide circle who feel that by his removal a brother has gone from them. Of genuine though unostentatious Christian principle, he took a deep interest in the Church and in benevolent and Christian objects. While resident here, he was an exemplary deacon in the Free High Church, as both he and his brother were also in St. John's Church, Kensington, where they did much valuable service. Only a few weeks ago his London minister, the Rev. C. Anderson Scott, coming to Edinburgh to preach, travelled north expressly to visit him. Early last year an internal ailment revealed itself, for which an operation became necessary, after which he seemed to have recovered; but this year it recurred in an aggravated form. It is a touching circumstance that a few weeks ago, evidently in view of what was coming, and desiring so far to be his own executor, he sent a donation of £50 to our hospital, and, we understand, one of the same amount to the Deacons' Court of the High U.F. Church. The contrast was great between his active business life and the latter months of suffering and waiting, but he bore all with simple faith and Christian resignation and patience. The true sympathy of very many friends is with his aged mother and brother and sisters. The funeral takes place to Birnie Churchyard to-day.

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