

and at prices that brought these matchless productions within the reach of all classes of the community, attest the vigour and skill with which he carried on his enterprise as a publisher. To him also is due the honour of being the first to summon the learning of the churches to the preparation of a "Cyclopædia of Biblical Literature," such as should present in a condensed form the results of the most advanced investigation into the history, literature, and archæology of the sacred writings. These are but a very few of the works he published, but they are the most important; of the rest it may be said generally, that they all possess some quality of excellence such as makes them valuable contributions to the literary or scientific products of the day.

Mr Black died on the 24th of January 1874, having nearly completed his 90th year. Not only for the services he rendered in various ways to the city, not only for his abilities and his success in business, not only for his enterprise and wisdom as a publisher, but still more for his moral qualities, his perfect integrity, his transparent honesty, his steadfast consistency, his unaffected piety, and his unswerving loyalty to truth and equity, will his name be handed down to posterity by the people of this city as that of one of the noblest and worthiest of her citizens.

5. Biographical Notice of Sheriff Cleghorn. By David Maclagan, Esq., C.A.

THOMAS CLEGHORN was born in Edinburgh 3d March 1818, and died there 13th June 1874. His father, Alexander Cleghorn, Collector of Customs, was an esteemed citizen of Edinburgh; his uncle, David Cleghorn, was long Crown Agent; and a second uncle, the Rev. Thomas Cleghorn, was parish minister of Smailholm, of which his great-grandfather, Dr Duncan, had also been pastor.

Mr Cleghorn was educated at the Edinburgh Academy and at the University, in both of which he was distinguished by earnest application and by high character. His favourite study was that of natural philosophy, and in the distinguished occupant of that chair, James David Forbes, he found a life-long friend and correspondent. Mr Cleghorn wrote a cordial and discriminating notice

of Forbes after his death, in one of the magazines of the day. Like most of the foremost students of the University he was a member of the Speculative Society, and in later years, along with his friend Mr Robert Balfour, now deceased, wrote its history, a work of great research and interest.

Mr Cleghorn was called to the Scottish bar in 1839, and held successively the offices of Advocate-Depute, Registrar of Friendly Societies, and Sheriff of Argyle, which latest appointment he continued to hold until his death. He was unanimously elected in 1871 Legal Adviser of the Free Church of Scotland, of which he was an attached member and office-bearer. Mr Cleghorn's connection by marriage with the family of the late Lord Cockburn introduced him to a highly cultivated literary circle, in which he was well fitted, by his classical and scientific knowledge and wide range of literary study, to occupy a place. For very many years Mr Cleghorn devoted much time to the advancement of educational, benevolent, and religious objects, to all of which he was a most liberal contributor. The welfare of schools and colleges generally was always a source of interest to him, while the Edinburgh Academy, of which he was for many years a Director, and the University of his native city, were specially dear to him.

Wellington School, an institution for the reformation of young criminals, was founded by him, and to its support he largely contributed both means and personal labour.

Mr Cleghorn has left a name greatly esteemed, and will be remembered as a man of much culture and many acquirements, as well as a citizen of proved worth and of large hearted public spirit.

6. Biographical Notice of Henry Stephens. By Professor Maclagan.

Mr HENRY STEPHENS was in the Royal Society essentially the representative of the important science of agriculture, and has left behind him a reputation as an agriculturist not confined to Britain, for his works on agriculture have been translated into every European tongue, and are thoroughly appreciated abroad. He was born in July 1796, in Forfarshire, where he inherited the