

—whilst their rulers often use means to prevent the light from shining in upon them. Thus a dark cloud has spread over the whole land, enveloping in the darkness of spiritual death, thousands of its inhabitants. Having the form of godliness without the power. The voice of the prophets falls on the carnal ears like a sounding brass and a tinkling symbol. Nearly all are professedly Christians and belong to some so-called church. And in many instances, the Cross of Christ is not only fallen to the earth's level but sunk out of sight, and heaven is vainly sought through infant sprinkling and confirmation without any other separation from the world. Men and women are venturing their priceless souls on the broad ocean of eternity in such a shattered vessel. The Lord's table and the grog-shop are visited alternately by the same individuals—a form of prayer and idle jestings—yea, and cursings are proceeding from the same mouths, as suits the occasion; mouths full of pretence to religion, and hearts full of angry strife, adultery and fornication are found in the same individuals to an alarming extent. The bible they all have, but instead of being used as a lamp to the feet, it is made a book of contention or laid by, neglected; one instance of this I will name—calling at a house not long since, I asked for a bible to read and pray with the family—the master of the house took out a key with which he unlocked a chest—after overhauling till he reached the bottom he came to the bible, took it out and commenced untying some five or six feet of cordline which was wound round its cover and tied it up, as he said, to keep it from getting injured; the bible was not the least soiled and would last a long time with such usage.

But you will want to know what we as Baptists are doing to better this state of things. We are trying to struggle on hoping in God, trying to bring those who bare the Baptist name to have more of the spirit of Christ. For want of this our good has frequent cause of being evil spoken of. We appointed a protracted meeting a short time ago. Brother Tabor came but could not stop long. May the Lord reward him for his labour of love amongst us. We have formed two Temperance Societies, which I hope will prosper, by God's blessing. It is strange that a professor of religion should be found at the present day, who would withhold his influence from the temperance cause, this also we have to lament. But if the Bible is tied up in the bottom of the chest, or in some other obscure place and no newspapers taken or read, it is not surprising that ignorance should keep many from temperance meetings, with the excuse that is has nothing to do with religion. We hope, however, that some good is being done. Here and there enquirers after truth are to be found. My labours are so much divided that I sometimes think it is all lost. We also have a Bible-class where about thirty are receiving weekly instruction from the sacred volume. The brethren keep up prayer meetings whilst I am trying to preach, converse and pray in the outposts of this church, through the week. I trust the Lord's power will be displayed ere long, in taking the prey from the mighty and delivering captives from the bondage of superstition, and bringing them into the light and liberty of the glorious gospel. I here enclose you £1 for the Messenger, to the following persons. Please send one copy to Mr. E. I., a new subscriber.

Yours truly,
A. W. BARSS.

North West Lunenburg,
24th Dec., 1855.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

SYDNEY, C. B., Nov. 28, 1855.

MR. EDITOR,

Some of the members of the family of the late Mrs. Leonard of this place are desirous that a sketch of the latter part of her life should be inserted in the Christian Messenger.

You were well acquainted with our beloved sister, and know that it is not often that we meet with an individual possessing so many excellent and amiable qualities with so few faults.—With a heart filled with love to her fellow-creatures, it could not be but that she should be loved by many in return. In the common and natural view of the subject, she was also religious; but, as she often said of herself, she was for many years destitute of that scriptural and vital piety which is alone derived from regenerating grace, and living faith in the Saviour. It was many years after

her marriage that hearing for the first time in her life from the pulpit, the distinguishing doctrines of the gospel.—Mrs. L. was, through the divine blessing, convinced of her own lost condition by nature, and the absolute necessity of that great change which all must experience in order for a preparation for eternity. It was not, however, until after many struggles with natural unbelief, that she was enabled to cast herself unreservedly on Christ for salvation. But from the time she did so until her latest hour, her faith was without wavering—not that she was without those changes in the sensible enjoyment of religion which are common in the experience of all Christians; but of a sure trust in the all-sufficiency of her Saviour, and a deep sense of her own unworthiness, she never lost sight. Ever unwilling herself to hear a word in praise of her christian conduct; it will we feel assured be acknowledged by all who knew her, that it was ever consistent. It is with deep gratitude to God that those to whom her memory is most dear can bear this testimony. It was not until many years after Mrs. Leonard became a believer—that her mind was disturbed on the subject of baptism. We say disturbed, because for some time the subject was to her a very painful one. Nevertheless, viewing it as a part of Divine truth, which she loved and revered far above all other things, she could not rest satisfied without consulting the word of God in reference to it. She had, in the meantime, read several authors on paedobaptism in the hope of finding arguments based on Scripture, by which to strengthen her own views in favor of it. But, in vain; all she read served only to increase her doubts, and she was much troubled. Her previous long established views, old associations, and the wishes of very near and dear friends, conduced for a time to silence her doubts. But all would not do. When the mind of a sincere Christian is so far enlightened as to doubt the validity of his views of Divine truth, he cannot rest in such a position. Our dear sister, therefore determined on laying aside all other books, and all her natural feelings, and to consult the word of God alone—the search resulted in her becoming a Baptist. She could find no authority whatever in the Scriptures, for infant baptism, nor indeed for the reception of the rite by any others than believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

You know that our dear friend's health was always delicate—constitutionally inclined to consumption. She was frequently laid up with severe cough, and other distressing symptoms of that disease, and on several occasions her recovery was despaired of. But God in His goodness prolonged the life so earnestly desired, and restored her to anxious friends. It was early in the autumn of last year that our beloved sister was attacked by the illness which terminated in her death. Having however got through our long and trying winter, her friends were encouraged to hope that the returning warm weather would, with the blessing of God, at least partially restore her health; and during the early part of summer, she did rally so far as to get out occasionally for a short drive. But alas! our hopes were never realized. The improvement was of short duration. Some time in August she became subject to a very weakening disorder which prevailed in the place; and it became evident that unless a change for the better speedily took place, all hopes of even a partial recovery must be relinquished. Every means that the most watchful solicitude of medical attendant and friends could supply were tried in vain. The fatal disease told fearfully on her already weakened frame. From this time, while life remained, her pains were most severe, and without mitigation, except as obtained by anodynes. But her gracious Lord still upheld her by His supporting grace, and she was enabled amid pain and suffering to bless His holy name. A constant thankful spirit pervaded her mind—she felt and acknowledged with gratitude that through the goodness of God her protracted illness had not taken place while her family were young and helpless; and she would often say, "It is well—yes, this pain and all is well that comes from the hand of my heavenly Father." At times there was an elevation of mind far above all earthly things.

On one occasion, just after she had partaken the Lord's Supper, with a few Christian friends. Her hands were clasped, and her lips moved as if in prayer. We thought she was much exhausted, but in a few minutes, in a clear,

distinct voice, she spoke forth the praises of redeeming love; and added, with hands, and eyes raised to heaven. "I, so unworthy, shall if so soon be one amid that glorious throng," alluding to the words of the hymn, which was sung on the occasion of the ordinance. It was a solemn hour to each one present—Doubtless our beloved sister had then a foretaste of the blessedness she was indeed "so soon to enjoy forever." She lived but one day longer, on the following Thursday, Oct. 4th, her ransomed spirit joined, we doubt not, that "glorious throng above." O! how solemn was the dying scene! Can it ever be forgotten by any one of those who witnessed it? May, the example, of this, our beloved Sister's happy death be blessed to each surviving relative! May they, under a deep sense, such as she possessed, of the utter insufficiency of all earthly good, and with the same unshaken reliance on the merits of the Great Redeemer, be prepared again to meet our dear departed sister, in that glorious world above! Then although the blank made in that sorrowing family circle, nothing on Earth can fill, yet in the prospect of such re-union, there will be a peace and consolation in vain to be sought in any earthly solace.

Mrs L. was often during her protracted illness, cheered by the visits of her Pastor the Rev. Mr. Richardson, for whom she ever entertained the highest esteem. She was also much gratified with the kind and frequent visits of the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, the Episcopal Minister, at Sydney. Herself unprejudiced, and loving all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, she was ever delighted to meet with those of a kindred spirit; and few, we believe, ever gave stronger proof of their discipleship by their love of the brethren, of whatever name, than herself.

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Jan. 2, 1856. B. NEWCOMBE, Secretary.

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Notice is hereby given that a Stock Book is now open, which will remain so, till the 1st February next, wherein individuals can subscribe for the number of shares they may desire to have. Parties not residing in Halifax can subscribe through their respective Agents.

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