versed, for the boys do the co king while the girls attend to other domestic matters about the establishment.

The object the managers have in view, in exhibiting the building on Sundays, to visitors, is, to interest them in this work of charity and love, so that they may contribute to its funds. An opportunity being given to each visitor to do so, as they enter the door of the Chapel, where several gentlemen stand with plates in their hands to gather in the silver and the pence. The small chapel was uncomfortably packed with men, women, and children. When all were provided with sitting or standing room, the organist played a solemn march, and presently, we heard a sound, as of a regiment of soldiers, advancing, with slow and measured step, and then they came, two and two into the compel and through the aisle, and with military precison filed into their respective places, their feet keeping time to the music, antil all were in position, the boys in advance-tie girls bringing up the rear of the procession.

The singing of these children was magnifice t, but the unique part of the proceedings, and that which struck me most was, that, instead of a clergyman, as I had fully expected, taking the service, a little boy of 12 or 14 years stood up in the reading desk, gave out the hymns and anthems; read the collect; the chapters from the Old and New Testament for the day; and the few very appropriate prayers of this special service with as much solemnity and effect, as if he had been an octogenarian. A part of the service consisted of about 30 of the children stepping to the front with the same military precision, and very distinctly replying without an error of a word to all the questions of the Church of England Cate chism. After this, a concluding anthem was sung and the lit le chaplain of the day. (the elder b ys take the service I believe, in turn) pronounced the benediction, and then, to an appropriate march from the organ, in the same military order they entered the chapel, they left it, and took their places at the supper table where the large congregation, as they passed through the room, saw them enjoying their bread, cheese and milk.

A more impressive service I never witnessed and at its close I could not but feel thankful that in Christian England institutions of this character are many, and not "far between."

ENGLAND STILL YOUTHFUL AND VIGOROUS.

In republican America, (and I regret to say in British America occasionally too, -from the lips and the pens of a lew who really know better) the idea is promulgated in private and through the press, by some wilfully and in enmity, and by others, I dare say, ignorantly, that old England is becoming exhausted, an effete country-and rapidly declining in the scale of nations. To the men who being misinformed really entertain such opinions, I would say cross the Atlantic and personally see the British Isles. Visit the great metrop) lisof England with its more than three mil-Lions of inhabitants; see for yourselves its -manufacturing and commercial centres : look at its agricultural and mineral wealth, its fisheries, its maritime strength and power, its ever expanding railway, postal and telegraphic communications, its educational institutione, (becoming annually more open and free), the constitutional and religious liberty and freedom of her people. and having done this, I ask you to spend one short week in Liverpool, with your eyes wide of en, and your locomotive apparatus in active operation, that you may form correct impressions of this single seaport of the old Fatherland, and after having mentally measured her commerce and her commercial relations; and seen her manufactories; her steam ships, her wooden and her iron walls, her railways and railway communications, her public and private buildings; and last, but not least, her noble charities, if you do not return to your homes convinced that you have been fostering error, your moral natures must be obtuse indeed, and your natural prejudices so great that even the strongest and most positive testimony, on England's side, can find no resting place in mind so constituted.

In discussing the subject of England's true position among the nations, one should not and cannot keep in the back ground the great fact that above and beyond what she is " per se"-that is to say-within the circumscribed limits of her own shores -far over the ocean, in all climes, great possessions are here, and many of them populated largely by her own offspring whose commercial relations with the Parent country are intimate, extensive and annu-

ally increasing, but the tie that binds them more firmly together than all others, is, that of affection, giving to this mother of many nations, not only a material, but a moral strength, that no words can measure or convey. Again, an element of strength, of real strength is possessed by Britain, which is not often placed in the balance when this subject is being considered, especially in its natural relations, with much that i wrong, and much that is sinful. clinging to her, she is still among the nations eminently, a christian nation desiring to be at peace with the world, from the best and highest of all motives. If this desire, practically carried out, has occasionally placed her in the eyes of others in an anomalous, and apparently in a false position, and is by them viewed as an indication of impaired power, we may rest assured that the great Source of all strength and all power, does not so look upon the matter-and in Him is her strength!

A rapid run by train of eight or nine hours, through and past many manufacturing towns and villages that have grown up within the past lew years, through a country with varied scenery, at first level, cultivated and beautiful, then, as we advanced north towards the borders of Scotland, still beautiful but more rugged and mountainous-landed us three weeks ago in the capital of Scotland-my temporary home of former years, probably the most beautiful city in the world, and one that has great attractions for me. Here, I am at school again.

With kind remembrances to those of your readers to whom I may be known. I am, Dear Editor,

Yours very truly, D. McN. PARKER.

For the Christian Messenger.

ORDINATION AT SACKVILLE, HALIFAX COUNTY.

An Ecclesiastical Council was convened at Sackville, N. S., on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 1871, at the united request of the Sackville and 1st Hammond Plains Churches, to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the Gospel Ministry Bro. Horatto Morrow, Licentiate.

1. The Council was organized by the appointment of Bro. S. Selden, Moderator, and Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Clerk.

2. The delegates presented their credentials; when there appeared the following representation.

Granville Street Church, Halifax .- Rev. K. M. Saunders, A.M.; Bros. S. Selden and J. W. Rohland.

Rawdon Church .- Bro. Jno. McLearn. Dartmouth Church .- Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M.

1st. Horton Church, Wolfville.-Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A. M.

Sackville Church .- Bro. Francis Webber. 1st Hammond's Plains Church .- Bro. Jno. Thomas.

3. The Minutes of the Sackville and 1st Hammond's Plains Churches, by authority of which the Council was invited, were then called for, -and full satisfaction was

4. The question was then asked, if Bro. Morrow were a member of either of the Churches over which he was called upon to preside. In reply, the candidate stated that he was not, but pledged himself to rectify the omission as soon as possible.

5. The Council then heard the candidate relate his christian experience, his reasons for devoting himself to the Ministry of the Gospel, and his views of christian doctrine.

6 The pastor of the church of which Bro. Morrow is a member, being present, gave cordial testimony to his zeal and faith-

7. The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Whereas, this Council is fully satisfied with the statement made, and information Therefore Resolved, That the churches

be advis d to proceed to ordination. A large congregation assembled in the Meeting-house at Sackville, on the evening

of the same day, on which the Council was held, and the services connected with the Ordination of Bro. Horatio Morrow took place in the following order: Sermon, 2 Timothy iii. xvii, by Rev. E

M. Saunders, A. M. The Questions to the candidate-Rev. S.

W. DeBlois. Ordaining Prayer and Charge to the Candidate - Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M. Charge to the Churches-Rev. E. M. Saunders, A. M.

Hand of Fellowship-Rev. S. W. DeBlois Closing Prayer and Benediction-The candidate.

By order of the Council. S. W. DEBLOIS, Clerk. For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. FITZGERALD COCHRAN. It was on a golden afternoon-the 27th ultimo - that I entered the Cemetry. Around a grave I noticed, among the group of mourners, the well known and venerable Canon Cochren and the Rev. E. M. Saunders standing together conducting the solemn services of burial. The aged pastor of Trinity Church seemed meltingly solemn in re ding the Episcopal Burial Service; and at the close his voice grew temulous, and it was with difficulty that he restrained his emotions. Then followed a prayer by the paster of the Granville Street Church, seeking a blessing upon the bereaved husband, parents and motherless children. In that beautiful form, going to its last resting place, was all that remained on earth of the last child of devoted parents, of the tender wife of a sorrowing husband, of the loving mother, of twenty-four summers, of two sweet children. When she was given up to God in death Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser followed the ransomed spirit of their fourth child to join the glorified Spirits of those who had gone on before to the land of rest; and this mother who left two children with the bereaved mourners on carth, met in the better land two of her own dear children, given up to Jesus some years ago. The tears and trembling lips of the

daughter-in-law. The brown, withered leaves fell from the trees that over-hung the open grave, and descended gently upon the lowered coffin. The branches stripped of their foliage ming led their sere and yellow leaves with the tears of mourners, as if saying to them "We all do fade as the leaf." A dark day is sometimes relieved and made glorious by a flood of sunlight bursting through the sable mantle of the heavens. Shining through the sorrow of those bereaved mourners was the joy and light of hope. In the prayer, conducted by the pastor of the Granville Street Church, the God of the hearts of mourners with the assurance that the 'absent from the flesh' was ' present with the Lord.' In " sure and certain hope of the glerious resurrection ' the dust was

given back to the dust as it was.' In early life Mrs. Fitz. Cochran gave her heart to the Saviour and in December 1861 and was welcomed into the fellowship of the Granville St. Church, and continued to adorn her profession by a consistent walk until removed to the church above. When health began to fail in the early part of the past summer, her soul began to ripen for the skies. A little more than a week before her demise, paralysis warned her and her friends that death was near. She was ready. She had but one mind to express to her pastor and friends; and that was, readiness to go, or readiness to stay. Thus grace triumphed in the midnight. The obedient spirit took its leave of its tenement of perishable dust without costing it a struggle not even so much as the contortion of a muscle or the movement of a finger. The countenance was lighted up as if the shadows of heaven had lingered upon the now deserted home of the emancipated spirit. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."-Com.

Since receiving the above, the Rev. Canon Cochran has handed us the followthan we usually appropriate to an Obituary Notice will be read with interest, as ar affectionate tribute from one so extensively known and so highly esteemed :-

"The sweet remembrance of the just, "Shall flourish when they sleep in dust." -(Ser 1:2 Ps. 6v.)

Mr. Editor,-You lately recorded in your weekly obituary, the early death of the beloved wife of Fitzgerald Cochran, Esq , and the only surviving daughter of George Fraser, Esq. Seldom have you noted the departure of one so generally lamented by many who were not personally acquainted with her. It has been thought that some further notice of one so amiable, and so endeared to a large circle of friends, here and elsewhere, would be acceptable and might be profitable; and, acc rdingly, you have herewith the substance of some remarks made in Trinity Church in reference | their spirits to be near us at times -us we to the dear departed one. * * * The text was from Rev. vii. 14. "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them which we used to sit with them-the con-

unfolding and applying in a general way these beautiful and consoling words, the

preacher said "My thoughts have been naturally led in this direction, as you may well suppose by the heavy affliction which has befallen my family, in the loss of one most dear to us all, after a very brief illness. Persuaded that, though personal ly unknown perhaps to many of you, you share, in some measure at least, in our sorrows and our joys, I add a word in connexion with that event sad to us, but joy to her. For I have no more doubt of her spirit being now in the mansions of the b'essed above, than I have that there is a heaven at all. She was one of those that are early called to love and serve their God At the tender age of six she was found in a re ired corner of her father's house, calling on her Father in heaven-praying that she might be go d-and have a new heart. At 10, when a sister died who was two years older than herself, when she saw her parents overcome with gri. f-she asked them "Why they wept, as if they did not believe that she had gone to Heaven-and even then she acted as their comforter, by her pious conversation, and by reading to them out of the Bible. As years rolled on she grew in grace and in the knowledge of her Lord and Saviour,-being baptized - joining a self constituted Bible Class of serious young girls-becoming a communicant very early -and maintaining a christian profession and consistent life to the very end-loving and beloved by all-never speaking a harsh or unkind word-but ever shewing that christian charity which thinketh no evil and hopeth all things. As a daughter, and for fourteen years the only one left, she was all that fond parents could desire, and sad is the blank she leaves in their earthly home venerable father-in-law, as he paid a As a wife, most faithful and loving, during solemn tribute to the departed, testified to every hour of the short ti e that tender the loving esteem in which he had held his relation lasted, as he best knows who now mourns her loss. As a mother, wrapped up in her dear little ones-resigned when G d to k the two first away-and thankful when he spared the two that remain, who are too young ever to remember a mother's love. As a friend and member of the

christian brotherhood, always gentle, kind and sympathizing. So that they who knew her best, loved her most Strange if the removal of such a one from this durk scene were not lamented-and as it was said of that dead girl in the gospel- all wept and and bewailed her." so is it in regard to our departed one But she is no dead but skepeth. In her last illness she was patient and resigned, "as God pleases"- ' his will be done," were her frequent utterances. Her faith in Christ sustained her. She had no doubts, nor fears. She knew in wh in all grace and comfort was asked to bind up she had believed and was persuaded that He is able to keep that which she had committed to him. She felt that though God had chastened her, it was a proof of His love-to bring her closer to himself-She joined, as long as she could, in prayers and hymns, which were frequently off red and read in her chamber, which was thus more like "the gate of heaven." than the abode of dath. While others wept around her-while the voice of the reader, often faltered and failed, sh was tranquil and calm. And at last, her eyes, which had been closed for many hours, suddenly of ened on him that sat beside her. with unusual brightness, and then her spirit took is flight to j in those of t'e "just made perfect," and to be "forever with the Lord." Well might we all take up the words of the apostle, and say, " O death where is thy sting. O grave where is thy victory. The sting of death is in, and the strength of sin is the Law, but thanks be to God who giveth u the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." And ready were all to say, " Let me die the death of the last hours. The final call was made at righteous (those made righteous through faith in Christ) and let my last end be like lers." I wish you all could have seen her in her narrow house. I have seen many hundreds in the arms of death in my daybut seldom one like hers-so calm so soft -so beautiful-so heavenly-it did not seem like death-and, wrenthed in flowers as she was-it seemed as if she already belonged to that " garden of the Lord" above, where the fl wers never fade-and it that mortal body was so ovely. what will it b. when "fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body ' As we bore her to her resting place, at every step under our feet lay the proofs that " we all do fade as a leaf." ing which although occupying more space Above us, shone the warm autumnal sun. fit emblem of the "Sun of Rig teousness" which shone on her in infancy, child out, youtn, and to the very end-and in whose brightness she now rejoic s, in the cloudless wolud ab ve. It seemed to chide our sorrows, and dry our tears and to say " them that sleep in Jesus, God will bring with him." And when we reached that last cartilly atode, prepared for her, we laid her gently down, with the beautiful prayers of the Church-in the " sure and ce t in hope of the resurrection to eternal life" when the last trump shall sound. Beside her lie the remains of her sister, and her own two first born babes. And thus she rests from the cares and sorrows of life, who often all who knew her, far and near, even by joined with us here in the worship of God. and always took an int. rest in this congre-

> We have perhaps been separated by death | ened. from some beloved triend, who has died in the Lord-it may be a parent, child, brother, sister, husband or wife. Have we not felt have thought en them above? As memory recalled their earthly forms and featurestheir smiling faces, - Or their places, which now know them no more-the rooms in

gation. Perhaps she is here in spirit to

day? I love to think of the departed, as

still holding converse with those they left

behind.

stand by their graves, At such moments have we not felt that they are still ALIVE with God-intelligent-spiritualised beings -looking down upon us-companions of angels, and perhaps sent, like them, to be " ministering spirits to us as heirs of salvation "? And do not these thoughts in some measure lighten the pangs of separation? I think some of us can say they have experience of this .- I may humbly add that such is mine, -realising that sort of quiet communion with friends and relations who are gone. Parents dear, whose grey hairs have long since mingled with the dust. Sisters and Frotter, and beloved children, who have followed them ! And sweet and refreshing are such memories, amid earthly trials. Is not this part of that " Communion of raints' in which we profess to beli ve?

"The Saints on earth and tho e above.

" But one communion make. "One family we dwell in H m

"One thurch above, beneath, "Though now a videa " the stream " the narrow stream of death.

And why have I dwelt on her case today? Certainly, not to praise her. That would be revolting to her humble spirit, but to give glory to God, by whose grace she was what she was. Certainly not merely because she was my tenderly loved daughter-in-law. I hope I love and admire the image of Christ wherever found. No. dear brothren, it is that we may all be sitmulated to run more carnes ly our Christian race-to look unto Jesus as did she-to lay our sins on Jesus-to bring our wants to Jesus-to sit loosely to earth-that we may more readily part with its dearest ties. That we may all be "followers of them who through faith and patience have inherited the promise of God." That, seeing it is possible to live a godly life and die a christian's death-we should aim at the same-tollow the same Saviour wh, is " the way, the truth, and the life" to all who seek him. That you and I in short may be so stirred up, by such instances of the power of Divine grace as to seek it for ourselves, and make our calling and election sure, before the night cometh in which we can no longer work. I ask your prayers for all the afflitted, that, in the multitude of the sorrows we have in our hearts. God's comforts may refresh and sustain our souls. That is the only source of real and abiding consolation. May you all find it so, when your great trials come, Cast thy burden upon the Lird.

Religious Intelligence.

YARMOUTH ADVANCING.

YARMOUTH, Nov. 7th, 1871.

Dear Brother .-

It is very pleasing to be able to record some tokens of mercy to the churches of Yarmouth. The Temple church has been of late engaged in holding special religious service, with some spiritual quickening, and encouragement to hope for further good. One was received by haptism on Sab, the 22nd of Oct. B.o. Walace is also engaged in holding special religious services at Milton, with very encouraging prospects. Two were buy tized by him there is t Sabbath and others will soon follow. The baptism was deeply solemn and interesting. The new church is to be organized there next Monday The foundation of a fine new Meeting-house is laid, and the trame being erec at.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Yarmouth, have commenced their Winter's course of Public Lectures, and their general Wint r's work.

The Baptist Ministers of Yarmouth County have arranged to unit in holding Missionary Meetings through the County, the collections to be taken for the French M.ssionary Bard. We are hoping thus to preclude, as far as possible, the necessity for Brother Normandy's having to leave his missionary work, to labor as an agent in collecting his cup ort.

The South Yarmouth Church, I am happy to say, has added another to the list of those adopting the voluntary system of giving to the support and extension of the gospel, on the " Weekly offering ' plan.

i hope the day is not far distant when the churches generally will adopt it, and thus devote their means more systematically, more voluntarily and encerfully, and far more liberally, to the cause of God.

"Little drops of water, Lite gans of sand, Ma e the migh y oce n,

And the beauteous lind." And if the Baptists of these Provinces, would but lay aside but a half a tithe, let alone a tenth, of all that the Lord gives to them, for religious purposes, many of our denominational enterprises that are now suffering might be sustained and strength-

Still amid the general unwillingness to "give as God has prospered us." it is encouraging to notice signs of a tvancement in this respect. Some of our churches are increasing in their liberality for the support and extension of the gospel. Christians are beginning to realize to some exwhite in the blood of the lamb." After first | vereations we had together-Or as we tent, I trust, that the Causs or Goo, as

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