

versed, for the boys do the cooking 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.

The singing of these children was magnificent, 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 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 few 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.

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 hers, and many of them populated largely by her own offspring.

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.

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 few 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.

With kind remembrances to those of your readers to whom I may be known.

I am, Dear Editor, Yours very truly, D. McN. PARKER.

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. HORATIO 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. E. M. Saunders, A.M.; Bro. 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 given.

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 faithfulness.

7. The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Whereas, this Council is fully satisfied with the statement made, and information presented.

Therefore Resolved, That the churches be advised 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 Cemetery. Around a grave I noticed, among the group of mourners, the well known and venerable Canon Cochran and the Rev. E. M. Saunders standing together conducting the solemn services of burial. The aged pastor of Trinity Church seemed meltingly solemn in reading the Episcopal Burial Service; and at the close his voice grew tremulous, and it was with difficulty that he restrained his emotions.

The brown, withered leaves fell from the trees that overhung the open grave, and descended gently upon the lowered coffin. The branches stripped of their foliage mingled their bare and yellow leaves with the tears of mourners, as if saying to them—"We all do fade as the leaf."

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.

Since receiving the above, the Rev. Canon Cochran has handed us the following which although occupying more space than we usually appropriate to an Obituary Notice will be read with interest, as an affectionate tribute from one so extensively known and so highly esteemed:—"The sweet remembrance of the just, shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

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 all who knew her, far and near, even by many who were not personally acquainted with her.

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 personally unknown perhaps to many of you, you share, in some measure at least, in our sorrows and our joys, I add a word in connection with that event sad to us, but joy to her.

As a wife, most faithful and loving, during every hour of the short time that tender relation lasted, she best knows who now mourns her loss. As a mother, wrapped up in her dear little ones—resigned when God took the two first away—and thankful when he spared the two that remain, who are too young ever to remember a mother's love.

And when we reached that last earthly abode, prepared for her, we laid her gently down, with the beautiful prayers of the Church—in the "sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life" when the last trumpet shall sound. Beside her lie the remains of her sister, and her own two first born babies.

We have perhaps been separated by death from some beloved friend, who has died in the Lord—it may be a parent, child, brother, sister, husband or wife.

stand by their graves. At such moments have we not felt that they are still alive with that intelligent—spiritualized beings—looking down upon us—companions of angels, and perhaps sent, like them, to be "ministering spirits to us as heirs of salvation?"

The Saints on earth and those above, But one communion make, One family dwell in Him One church above, beneath, Though now a valley, 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.

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 services, with some spiritual quickening, and encouragement to hope for further good.

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

The Baptist Ministers of Yarmouth County have arranged to unite in holding Missionary Meetings through the County, the collections to be taken for the French Missionary Band.

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.

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 strengthened.

Still amid the general unwillingness to "give as God has prospered us," it is encouraging to notice signs of advancement 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 extent, I trust, that the Cause of God, is