

on earth. But there is a place where anniversaries are unknown, because time will be no more. There may we all at last meet—a redeemed family!

We might proceed at much greater length if we desired to extend our notice, but must abbreviate rather than extend. His carefully kept journal closes on the 20th of November, 1876, and says:

"The process of decay advances. Eye-sight is weakening. The whole outward man decayeth, and it is not wonderful, for I completed my 80th year on the 25th July last. Goodness and mercy have followed me. My creed and experience are found in Psalm ciii., 'Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name, &c.' and the third chapter of Ephesians; and as far as expressed in merely human words they are found in Nos. 166, 235 and 791 of the Baptist Hymn Book. No. 166 opens with, Bless, O my soul the Living God, Call home thy thoughts that rove abroad; Let all the powers within me join, In work and worship so divine, &c.

No. 235 commences, Nature with open volume stands, To spread her Maker's praise abroad; And every labor of his hands, Shows something worthy of a God. No. 791 begins,

Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain, Could give the guilty conscience peace, Or wash away the stain.

The following is another specimen, of which we might give many, of our departed friend's utterances, showing the source of his strength:

"I am among the invalids. How long it will last no one can say. The Lord knoweth—and his will is best. As for me, my work is nearly done. It has been a busy life. When Andrew Fuller was reminded that his life, too, had been a busy one, and spent in the best cause, he replied, 'Ah! the object was good—but added, that our motives were very imperfect.' And so it is. Dr. Watts' verse will suit the best of us. 'A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall; Be thou my strength and righteousness, My Jesus, and my all.' So said Carey—and so say I."

Dr. Cramp's last illness commenced on Thursday, but he was not confined to his bed till Saturday the 3rd inst. He became gradually worse till Tuesday morning the 6th, when he peacefully passed away.

In compliance with our special request, Miss Cramp has kindly sent us the following account of

DR. CRAMP'S LAST HOURS: During my father's brief illness, his thoughts seemed often to revert to the time when he was able to engage in public services. On one occasion he requested that the hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name" might be sung: The first verse being repeated, at the conclusion he said impressively "That's it," "Crowd Him Lord of all," then raising his feeble voice, sang the last verse through without faltering, dwelling with evident delight on the sentiment expressed in the concluding lines.

He frequently referred to the Apostle Paul, and imagined himself present at scenes recorded in his life. Then again the engagements of former years seemed to recur to his memory, and as if once more in his theological class, he said with dignity: "We will resume the history as given by Luke." No painful or troubled thoughts seemed for a moment to oppress him, and those who listened to his occasional utterances felt them to be the evidence of a mind at perfect peace.

When in extreme weakness and evidently feeling the need of special aid, he said impressively, "It is time for prayer," and, raising his hands, offered a most earnest and comprehensive petition, committing himself and those dear to him with the Church of God to the Divine compassion. The day before his death a very dear friend who had hastened from a long journey to see him, said to him "Is it peace?" The power of utterance was almost gone, but he replied "happy! happy! happy!" When speech entirely failed he still evinced his pleasure in sacred themes, assenting to the words of Scripture as repeated to him, and waited evidently resting on the Rock of Ages, till faith was lost in sight.

THE FUNERAL took place on Thursday afternoon. We copy the account of it largely from the Herald:

During the day many callers were admitted to see the remains. The body was enclosed in an elegant walnut casket, adorned with a beautiful wreath, and across of immortelles on a ground of cedar, sent by friends. As he lay in his library surrounded by the thousands of volumes he had prized, he suggested the poem composed on the death of Bryant,

"Dead among his books he lay" The gathering at the obsequies was large.

Sixteen clergymen were present, as follows: Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Welton, Dr. Armstrong, D. Freeman, S. B. Kempton, J. Swafford, J. B. Logan, C. M. Tyler, Dr. Crawley, Dr. DeBlois, E. M. Saunders, E. Williams, E. M. Keirstead, T. A. Higgins, Thos. Rogers.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES, were conducted by the Pastor of the Wolfville Church, Rev. Dr. DeBlois. At the house a hymn was sung, and a prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Armstrong. The procession then formed in the following order:

Sons of Temperance. Members of the Grand and Sub. Divisions. FALL BEARERS. FALL BEARERS. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Armstrong, J. W. Bars, Dr. Welton, E. M. Saunders, S. B. Kempton.

Mourners on foot and in Carriages. Faculty of Acadia College. Students of Acadia College. Friends.

Among the representatives of the Grand Division were: J. E. Butler, G. W. P., J. F. L. Parsons, late G. S., and Rev. Thos. Rogers, G. Chaplain. The casket was carried into the church, and remained there during the services. These consisted of an anthem by the choir

"Blessed are the dead," The hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," read by the Rev. S. B. Kempton was sung, after which Dr. Welton read the 90th Psalm, and the Rev. Dr. Sawyer offered prayer. The hymn

"Servant of God well done," was read by the Rev. Thos. Rogers, after which the pastor preached a very appropriate discourse from second Timothy; fourth and seventh.

"I have fought a good fight, &c." Dr. DeBlois gave a brief, but very clear exhibit of the labors and character of the deceased. Having been intimate with him for thirty years, no one was better prepared to render this last tribute to his memory. At the close of the address the hymn, read by the Rev. J. B. Logan,

"Hear what the voice from Heaven proclaims," was sung, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Crawley. The large congregation was then permitted to file by the casket and look their last upon one who had been a conspicuous public man for over sixty years. After the procession had re-formed the remains were taken to the new cemetery and deposited by the side of his wife. The burial service was pronounced by pastor DeBlois, and the Rev. E. M. Saunders closed the proceedings by prayer and benediction. The church was appropriately draped for the occasion, and all the faculty and students of the College were mourning.

The musical portion of the service was most touchingly rendered, especially "The Dead March in Saul" at the beginning, shewing that it was no mere ritual exercise.

A TRIBUTE FROM REV. DR. SAWYER, PRESIDENT OF ACADIA COLLEGE, WOLFVILLE, Dec. 9, 1881.

Dear Sir,— Since the long-expected event has come upon us, and our dear friend has been called away, I am constantly reminded of the many proofs of unvarying kindness which I received from him in the different relations which we bore to each other. These remembrances prompt me to speak at length of various phases of his character. But it will be enough for the few moments at my command this evening, if I write something concerning Dr. Cramp as a workman in his library. Any one who knew him at all intimately, must have observed that he was a lover of books. Many of your readers will remember him most readily as he appeared in the pulpit, or in public debate, or in the class room; but we who lived near him and saw him most frequently, think of him most readily as he sat behind his study-table, with manuscript and printed matter piled high around him, the principal papers of the day on a table at his side, one or two new books, with the leaves just cut, lying within his reach, and his large and choice library on the shelves around him. It was evident that he enjoyed work in such a place. He found pleasure in a book as a work of art. When he received a volume from some one of the great publishing houses of London, he found a distinct source of enjoyment in the binding, the style, the paper, the perfect type, the suggestions awakened by the imprint. Then he would cut the leaves, and take into his mind a line here and a paragraph there, with an exhilaration, as of one sipping the fruit of some choice vintage.

Dr. Cramp's habits of study were eminently methodical. He read the daily and weekly papers with sufficient attention to be familiar with the important events that were occurring in the political and the religious world. The principal articles of several magazines and reviews were examined by him from month to month. During a large part of his life he was an attentive reader of some scientific periodical. But all this was to him largely of the nature of recreation. He set apart a portion of every day for

the thoughtful study of the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures; he read with care the works of eminent scholars in the different departments of Biblical learning, and made his comments thereon. During a large part of his life he was especially interested in historical studies. He read Patristic Greek and Latin with ease, and by an unflinching perseverance accomplished almost incredible tasks in such study. His active mind was moved with sympathy for every one who gave evidence that he was a genuine seeker after truth, but he found special comfort and strength in the works of the evangelical writers of the latter part of the last and the first of the present century. Some of these books he read and re-read to the last. Biographies of men distinguished as scholars, statesmen, or Christian laborers were especially attractive to him, and his library was rich in this department of literature.

Dr. Cramp held unwaveringly by the fundamental truths of the Gospel, but he believed that each generation must think for itself, and he could discern oneness of faith where there might be diversity of statement. The mysteries of metaphysical theology he did not feel inclined to explore. The lessons of the Revealed Word were final for him,—whatever that taught he received, beyond that he would not be forced. While he rejoiced in the Truth that had been made known, it was to him, nevertheless, an instructive fact that on many interesting questions the Bible is silent. That silence pleased him better than the lessons of human wisdom on subjects which human wisdom could not compass.

Justice requires us to add that while Dr. Cramp was thus distinguished by industry, patience, and good judgment in his studies, his object was not his own pleasure. He worked for others. He gathered to distribute. His example in this respect is an inspiration to those who knew him; and thus he will for many years continue to be useful to the people whom he loved, though he has been taken from them.

Sincerely yours, A. W. SAWYER.

THE FOLLOWING MINUTE was adopted by the Faculty of the College on their meeting the day after the funeral, to be placed on the College Records:—

DECEMBER 9, 1881.

As God has been pleased to take to himself our venerable and highly esteemed brother, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., who, for nearly twenty years, was officially connected with Acadia College—the greater part of the time as President, we, the members of the Faculty, while not unmindful of the valuable services of our departed brother in the furtherance of all these great interests of the Baptist body in these provinces, desire yet particularly to record our sense of the great work of those performed on behalf of these Institutions.

Whatever measure of prosperity the College enjoys at the present time is doubtless largely traceable to the indefatigable and wisely directed labors of Dr. Cramp. When he assumed the headship of the College in 1851, it was in a low financial condition, and many of its friends were nearly discouraged. But his faith and courage were equal to the occasion. Amid the darkness of the hour he saw, as with prophetic eye, the possibilities of a bright future, and he gave himself with marvellous patience and energy to the work of its realization. He conceived the idea of an endowment for the college and liberally gave of his own funds to make the scheme a success. To compensate for the lack of teachers on the staff of instruction, he did himself the work of at least two men, being at the same time Professor of Logic, Political economy, and History in the Arts Department, and of Hebrew, Systematic Theology, Church History and Homiletics in the Theological. His educational policy was sufficiently broad and wise to grasp and harmonize the interests of both secular and Theological learning, and he succeeded in making each contribute to the furtherance of the other.

The memory of the relations we have sustained to him, some of us as coadjutors in teaching and others as pupils, are of the pleasantest kind, and we will cherish them as long as we live. We have lost a true friend and a wise counsellor, but in our sorrow we thank God for what he accomplished for him, and by him. God help us worthily to bear his mantle.

A. W. SAWYER, E. A. CRAWLEY, D. F. HIGGINS, R. V. JONES, J. G. SCHURMAN, J. F. TUFTS, D. M. WELTON.

Signed by the Faculty.

FROM THE KINGS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, WOLFVILLE, DEC. 8, 1881.

Dear Bro. Higgins,— You will oblige by communicating to the family of the late Dr. Cramp the following resolutions passed by our Ministerial Conference on Tuesday last:

Whereas, our venerable and esteemed brother, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., has been removed from us this day by death:

Resolved, That it becomes us gratefully to recall the goodness of the Lord in prolonging his life through so many years of public service in connection with the various departments of christian labor, and in accomplishing so much good by this service; and that we accept it as our duty to cherish in our hearts the memory of his indefatigable earnestness in public life, his broad sympathies with all efforts for the moral and spiritual good of men, his zealous and successful labors to promote education under Christian influences and to train an intelligent and wise ministry for the churches, his love of revealed Truth, and his clear and strong advocacy, in the pulpit and by the press, of the essential principles of the Gospel:

Resolved, That we hereby express our deep sympathy with the family of the deceased in the affliction that has come upon them, and convey to them our assurance that the many excellencies and the valuable services of Dr. Cramp will be held in affectionate remembrance by the people for whom he labored.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate the above resolution to the family of the deceased:

D. M. WELTON, Secretary of Ministerial Conference of Kings County.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1881.

RESOLUTION OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, ANENT THE LATE DR. CRAMP.

At a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of N. S., N. B., and P. E. I., held in St. John, N. B., 9th Dec., 1881, the following Preamble and Resolutions were passed and copies thereof were ordered to be sent to the denominational journals of N. S., and N. B.

Whereas, it has pleased God the Creator of all, and the all wise Disposer of events, to remove from us by death our venerable and honored brother, the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., for many years a highly esteemed and useful member as well as an efficient officer of our Foreign Mission Board:

Be it Resolved, That while we bow submissively before this afflicting dispensation and acknowledge the wisdom and righteousness of the Judge of all the earth, yet we are fully conscious that our Board and the denomination at large, sustain a severe loss in the demise of Dr. Cramp, who, by his wise and judicious counsels to his brethren at home and also to the missionary corps abroad, and by his persistent and zealous advocacy of the claims of the heathen, had rendered himself conspicuous as an ardent friend of the foreign mission enterprise:

The services he rendered to our infant Mission were invaluable, and his paternal instruction to our missionaries on the field in his correspondence with them was weighty and inspiring, and duly appreciated by those addressed:

His views on matters of business claiming the attention and action of our Board were characterized by clearness, christian manliness and admirable good sense.

We therefore mourn our brother's removal as a most serious bereavement and an almost irreparable loss:

We would also desire to convey our expression of sympathy and condolence to the family of our dear brother in the hour of their poignant grief and overwhelming sorrow:

We can only commend them to resort in the hour of their trouble to their father's God and Saviour, in whom he trusted for so many years and who has received him to that presence in which there is fulness of joy forever:

Resolved, That a copy of this Preamble and Resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased:

By order of the F. M. Board, W. P. EVERETT, Acting Secretary. St. John, N. B., 9th Dec., 1881.

RECOLLECTIONS OF DR. CRAMP BY DR. WELTON.

My recollections of Dr. Cramp reach back to May, 1851. I was then a "Freshman" in College. Professor Chipman who was then the only Professor in College, had kindly arranged for an introduction of the students to the new President, who had just arrived in Wolfville. The meeting took place in the old lecture room, adjoining the large Academy Hall. As he entered the room, we arose to our feet as a mark of willing respect. The appearance he presented is as distinct to the eye of my mind now, as it was to my bodily eyes then. He was then fifty five—just in his prime—though his hair wore a decidedly greyish tinge. His physical stature was only medium, but the size to which he seemed to expand intellectually and morally in our imagination as he stood before us was large indeed. We readily accorded to him all the attributes of real greatness.

We were profoundly conscious of our ignorance, but we saw in him one who, we believed, knew almost everything. Nor were we far astray. If there are some men whose knowledge is encyclopaedical, Dr. Cramp was one of them. Then we knew something of the "hard bondage" the College was struggling with, and we were disposed to look upon Dr. Cramp as a kind of Moses who had come to bring deliverance, and lead us to the promised land. After addressing us some fifteen or twenty minutes, he shook hands with us in turn, and elicited some facts of our personal history. The favorable impression made upon me by that interview was strengthened by all the intercourse which it was my privilege to hold subsequently with him. Indeed, as my memory recalls

the exceedingly pleasant years during which I was permitted to sit as a student at his feet, he seems to stand before me in a kind of transfiguring light.

On his arrival at Wolfville, Dr. Cramp entered immediately upon the work of teaching in the College, and his duties were of the most varied kind. He was made Professor of Logic, Political Economy, and History, in the Arts Department of the College, and as the chair of Classics was yet unprovided for, he consented to fill it in the interval before the coming of Dr. Sawyer, who had been appointed to it. It was during this classical interregnum that I read under his guidance the Philippics of Demosthenes and the Gorgias of Plato, and I can testify to the ability with which he expounded the former's scathing denunciations of Philip, and the latter's withering ridicule of the Sophists.

But the greater part of his time was I believe, given to the Theological Department, and here also his duties took a wide range. Few subjects embraced in the curriculum of the best Theological Schools escaped his notice. Nor can it be said that his instructions on this account were any the less thorough. His investigations were deep as well as broad. His lectures in Homiletics were marked by a pithiness and aptness characteristic of their author, and our young ministers might derive much profit from their study. The same is true of those in pastoral duties. Not a few living ministers, pastors of leading churches in these Provinces, who attended his lectures in Systematic Theology, could testify to their sound and Biblical character, and to the great advantage they derived from them. But his favorite subject was Church History. In this he won a distinction not confined to this side of the Atlantic. I well remember to what a keen, critical analysis he would subject many a statement that had been quoted by different writers as pure history, but which he would succeed in showing to be without a proper historical basis. For several years I have been led to examine the works of different Theological writers, and I speak not at random when I say that those of Dr. Cramp compare favorably with the best of them.

The labor of Dr. Cramp were prodigious. That one man should accomplish so much and in such different fields of exertion is a matter of just astonishment. But now he "rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

D. M. WELTON.

We should very much have preferred not to have had occasion to give the following letter in our pages, and yet we do not feel at liberty to refuse our brother Phillips a hearing—especially as he assumes the full responsibility of its statements. Our brother's views are in harmony with the position we have taken on the subject.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 8, 1881.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger. DEAR SIR,—The enclosed "Com" was sent to the Visitor for insertion last week, but as it has not appeared, I request you to insert it in the MESSENGER, and oblige,

Yours truly, RICHARD H. PHILLIPS.

For the Christian Visitor.

Mr. Editor,— In your editorial concerning a Baptist Academy in New Brunswick, you assume that if such an institution existed, all its Baptist students would matriculate at Acadia College. In your last issue you ask—"Why not have a Seminary in New Brunswick, and gather in our Baptist boys for Acadia?" And add—"As a matter of fact in respect to students, New Brunswick University is more of a Baptist College than Acadia."

We have had a Baptist Seminary in New Brunswick, and you, Mr. Editor, was connected with it for four years, three of which you were its Principal, and yet, during that time, the students matriculated at the New Brunswick University, and not at Acadia. What proof have we that a Baptist Academy in Saint John would be a better feeder for Acadia than was the late Seminary under the Principalship of one so loyal to Acadia as you now are?

Further, during the existence of the old Seminary, there was an institution in Saint John for which its friends there (not the denomination) claimed and obtained a grant on the ground of its being a Baptist institution. How many did it send to Acadia?

Yours respectfully, RICHARD H. PHILLIPS.

Mrs. Armstrong's recent visit to Ontario has resulted in the formation of several new Women's Mission Aid Societies. She was present at many of the meetings of ladies and gave addresses.