

Obituary Notices.

HARRIET L. DEWOLFE,

Daughter of Rufus and Mary Ann DeWolfe, of Aylesford, departed this life August 8th, 1860, in the seventeenth year of her age. Although she had never made a public profession of religion, yet her mind had been much exercised in spiritual things. She received her first religious impressions while attending a series of meetings in Wolfville in the spring of 1855, under the direction of Dr. Cramp—which impressions were matured during a revival in the church, under the pastorate of Rev. S. W. DeBlois, in the year 1857. She then manifested a desire to openly declare her attachment to her Saviour by a public profession, but, being quite young, it was thought advisable to defer it for a time, to which she submitted, though she ever afterwards expressed herself as sustaining a loss in not being connected with the people of God.

In the spring of 1858, she, with the family, removed from Wolfville, to Aylesford, and in the following Autumn she left Aylesford for Charlestown, Massachusetts, in the pursuit of knowledge, where she gained the esteem of her teachers and friends. After pursuing her studies there for nearly a year and a half, her health became poor and she was obliged to discontinue them. Her health continuing to decline she returned to Aylesford in April, 1860, when it was evident that she was rapidly sinking, nor was she insensible of her near end. She was exceedingly anxious to make sure work for eternity; being asked the reason of her fears, she replied, "There is no chance for amendment after death." During the last week of her mortal life, when it became apparent that she must soon depart, her faith became stronger and she enjoyed the smiles of her Saviour. She said to her friends, "it does not seem like dying but going a little before you to that bright and happy land." Having previously formed an acquaintance with Elder A. Stronach she desired him to visit her, to which he heartily complied. A few days previous to her death, she gave directions concerning her interment, and selected the text for her funeral sermon, which she desired that the Rev. Mr. Stronach might preach. She had a gentle, timid nature, but the grace of Christ enabled her to look calmly at death, considering it as the portal to everlasting bliss. Saturday night, a few minutes before 12 o'clock she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. She was buried in Wolfville the next Tuesday, and on the Sabbath following Rev. Mr. Stronach preached a sermon from Rev. 12th chapter and 11th verse, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." Subject, "Christian conflict and Christian Victory."—Communicated by S. A. R. DeWolfe.

MRS. SARAH D. BROWN.

Died, May 23, 1860, of puerperal fever, in her 24th year. Mrs. Sarah D. Brown, wife of Mr. Benj. Brown, Junr., of Yarmouth, and second daughter of Rev. J. Davis, of Charlotte Town, P. E. I.

Amiable and conscientious from her childhood, she has left behind her nothing but pleasant recollections of her too short career. In 1852, in the 16th year of her age, she put on Christ in baptism, and united with the second Baptist Church at Newport, Rhode Island. Her subsequent conduct was ever an ornament to her profession. In the winter of 1858, and in the following spring, she manifested a peculiar earnestness in religious matters; and frequently, and with great impressiveness, engaged in the social exercises of the first Baptist Church of Yarmouth, of which she was then a member. Since her decease it has been remembered, that the little piece, "I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger," &c., was a great favourite with her. She would often play and sing it with great unction and effect.

Her last illness was very brief. She was not aware of any danger in her case until within a few hours of her departure. When informed that the hand of death was upon her, she manifested no alarm. Her pastor, the Rev. H. Angell, visited her about three hours before she expired. She received him with a smile. "Oh! Mr. Angell," she said, "I am glad to see you. I am going home. I feel happy in God. I never expected a rapturous death-bed; but God has greatly favoured me." Recovering herself after a gush of feeling, she continued, "I am so calm, I sometimes fear I may be deceived. Do you think I am?" "Certainly not," was the reply, "if you are relying on Jesus." She instantly rejoined, "I have no other dependence," adding the lines,

"Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me."

These lines she repeated with great distinctness, and striking emphasis and gesture. After this she abounded in exhortation, especially in treating her unconverted friends to neglect no longer the concerns of their souls. She embraced her little ones, and then composed herself for her great change. Her last distinct utterance was, "I shall soon rise higher."

Mr. Angell improved this bereavement from 1 Thess. iv. 13, 14.

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Religious Intelligence.

THE UNION OF THE FREE AND SECESSION CHURCHES is being agitated with great energy throughout the different Provinces, and in this one seems to be all but a fixed fact, the consummation being appointed to take place in the town of Pictou, on the 4th day of October next. This union is represented as all but unanimous on both sides, but this is far from being the case, especially among the Free Churchmen of Cape Breton, who are largely and resolutely opposed to it. The basis of union was, we believe laid before both the Synods of Canada and Nova Scotia, but was not entertained, and we trust that the great distinctive principles of the Church of Scotland will be maintained in all their purity on this side the Atlantic, for all time, with as much fealty as in the mother country. To abandon them, and lose ourselves among a heterogeneous mass of opinions, will be to break the first link which constitutes our oneness, both with the parent Church, and the parent State.—*Monthly Record.*

AUSTRALIA.—The Baptists are making progress both in Sydney and Queensland; from the latter place we have information that the friends are getting on well and the Lord is blessing them; a cause is being opened up at Ipswich, the largest provincial town in the new colony; several brethren are there who were formerly connected with the Baptist church in Sydney. Dr. Hobbs, a Baptist minister from Nova Scotia, is now labouring in Sydney, and with great success. Last Lord's day the ordinance of believers' baptism was administered in the good old primitive style, in open air, in a lagoon near Newtown, by Dr. Hobbs, to four brethren and sisters; others are coming forward inquiring the way to Zion. The chapel hitherto occupied being far too small, service have been held in a large iron store, capable of holding from two to three hundred people, and which, in its turn, will soon have to give way to a larger building. This chapel has hitherto been a preaching station connected with Bathurst-street; but the good folks at Newtown, thinking themselves strong enough, have been regularly dismissed and organized into a separate church. A pressing call has been given to Dr. Hobbs to undertake the pastoral charge of these churches. It is the beginning of good times for the Baptists in Sydney; the only pity is the beginning comes so late.—*Cor. of Freeman.*

EPISCOPAL.—The Council of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts have determined upon allowing 3000. a-year towards the establishment of a missionary bishopric for Central Africa. On Saturday evening the Bishop of London preached in the open-air to between 1,500 and 1,600 working men and children in one of the most uncivilized portions of the outskirts of the metropolis. The bishop selected for his text the 16th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, 8th verse—"The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." The latter part of the bishop's address was particularly solemn. Darkness had come on, the moon had risen, and all around the gipsies' tents were lighted up. Not a sound was heard but the bishop's voice, and now and then a train on the adjacent railway. A deep impression appeared to be made on many unused to such services by the solemnity and peculiarity of the scene.

Affairs in Rome have undergone but little change. His Holiness has decided not to return from Rome this season. Threats of revolution, it is said, have prompted this decision. Papers are circulated and posted in the city, announcing the close of priestly Government. Only the French troops prevent the outbreak.

THE REV. C. H. SPURGEON.—This popular preacher has during the last two months been on a tour through the Continent for the re-education of his health. He has returned in excellent spirits, and resumed his labours at Exeter Hall. The attendance was, of course, very large. Mr. Spurgeon made but slight reference to his absence from home.

QUAKERISM.—We are informed by a correspondent that the Society of Friends have resolved not only no longer to enforce peculiarity of language and dress, but that the law hitherto in force amongst them excluding a member who marries out of the sect has been abolished. Such persons may continue in communion, but their children are not members.—*Leeds Mercury.*

The Rev. Mr. Inglis, Missionary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to the New Hebrides, is at present in Glasgow. He is accompanied by a native chief, an Elder of the Church there, who is to assist him in revising a translation of the New Testament into the dialect of that island.—*Pres.*

Mr. Spurgeon's sermons are extensively read in France, and good translations are widely circulated. A pastor in a provincial town has read them from time to time from the pulpit, to the real benefit of his congregation. The Protestant papers speak of him in high terms, and there is no doubt that soon most of his works will be made, by means of translation, accessible to the French public.—*N. Y. Chron.*

In answer to the question as to whether the Irish revival is yet in progress, Rev. Dr. Murray, in a letter to the *Observer*, says: "The seed time of the revival is, probably, over. The excitement is not what it was months ago. The 'cases' are diminishing daily. There is not so much noise and bustle, and circumstance to attract the passer-by. And all this is, so far forth, favorable. But the heaven is quietly and powerfully working; and in every direction."

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We regret to have to announce to our readers, the sudden death by drowning, of the Rev. Jacob McDonald, son, of John McDonald, Esq., of Queen's County. While crossing Salmon River last Saturday the small boat he was in upset, and before assistance could be rendered he was drowned. We sincerely tender our deepest sympathies to the bereaved relatives and friends. The Rev. Mr. McDonald was a young man of great promise, and bid fair to be one of the bright and shining lights of the church. His early decease will be a great loss to the community in which he labored; but we do believe that what is their loss will be his gain.—*N. B. Tem. Telegraph.*

ACCIDENT.—Capt. James Whipple, of the sch. Blue Grit, of Cumberland, N. S., lying at Forster's wharf, Boston, was seriously injured on Wednesday, 15th inst., by a heavy grindstone falling upon him. His left thigh was broken, and his side was badly injured.—*Rec.*

Alderman Cogswell being about to leave Halifax for Europe, where with his lady, he intends spending the next winter, has resigned his seat at the Council Board. Previous to doing so he entertained his colleagues and a number of friends at a banquet at the Halifax Hotel, Dr. Cogswell left for England in the *Europa*.—*Sun.*

A fine vessel of about 400 tons, called the "Grace A. Kaye," was launched at Richmond on Wednesday. She was built by Messrs. J. McPherson & Co., for Joseph Kaye, Esq.

Among the passengers by the *Arabia* from England, we notice the arrival of our distinguished countryman, Judge Haliburton.

A friend at the North end informs us that a counterfeit sovereign was passed off on him a few days ago. The imitation is very good, with the exception that it is much lighter in weight than the genuine.

A writer in the London Illustrated News gives us credit for erecting an almost innumerable number of arches—twenty-five or thirty—in each street. He further says that "pork and beans" is the national dish, and "cider" the popular beverage. Who'd a thought it?—*Ex.*

The Potatoe blight has made its appearance in Pictou County, as well as within the County of Halifax, we are sorry to learn.

The blight in its most destructive aspect has fallen upon the potatoe field in some parts of Digby Neck.

We learn from the "Church Record", of Wednesday last, that the pupils of the National School presented the Rev. George Hill with a gold pencil case, accompanied with a suitable address.

BRIDGETOWN, Annapolis County. The Potato disease—Damage to Hay Crop—Serious Accident.—The potato disease, in a very modified form and to a very small extent is reported to prevail in some districts hereabouts. . . Much hay has been lost on the low marsh and interval lands in this and Kings County during the past week. The continued still weather has been the chief cause, though the sudden frosts caused by late rains have done their part. . . On Monday last Miss M. Morse, daughter of Mr. W. H. Morse, of this place, while in the act of riding on horseback was violently thrown from the saddle and suffered from severe injuries to her person. We have not heard the cause of the horse becoming restive given, but we rejoice to state that the wounds inflicted are not likely to prove fatal.—*Register August 23rd.*

DIGBY.—The Crops—Extreme Heat—Diphtheria.—Last Tuesday was an intensely hot day. There was a strong breeze; but even that, too, was hot, and seemed like the steam issuing from a boiling cauldron. . . The diphtheria is prevalent in the neighborhood of Bear River. . . Within the last week, we understand, the blight, in its most destructive aspect, has fallen upon the potatoe fields in some parts of Digby Neck. . . Recent rains have gently refreshed brightened and invigorated vegetation in this vicinity, which had long been languished under the parching influence of a protracted drought. . . Mr. Hannan, of this town, showed us a specimen of oats which he has raised and harvested the present season. The kernels are more plump and heavier than any we hitherto remember to have seen. The crop in this quarter is excellent.—*Acadian Aug 21st.*

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The last Quarterly Session of the Grand Division of the Sons was held at Sydney, C. B. Six members went from Halifax. About thirty new members were initiated. The brethren in that Island have long sought to have a session of this body, but have not succeeded until the present quarter. They are an enterprising industrious portion of the order, and we doubt not this new bond will strengthen the interest in the good work in that quarter.

New Brunswick.

Notwithstanding the severe depression which has so greatly contributed to paralyze the exertions of the Merchants and business men of this community, for a considerable time past, we are happy to inform our readers that a more cheering prospect opens to our view. The English mail by the *Arabia*, which was received at the Post office in this city, at two o'clock yesterday, brings the gratifying intelligence of an advance in the price of our staple products. Deals at Liverpool were quoted at £9 2s. 6d. and in London at £10.—sterling, which is we believe the highest figure realized for some time. This

is an encouraging feature in our business prospects. We all know that ship building is a most important feature in the history of New Brunswick, and as a matter of course, whatever has a tendency to encourage the shipping interest must prove highly conducive to the general prosperity of the entire Province.—*New Brunswick.*

Canada.

The Prince landed at Quebec on the 18th. The harbour was literally covered with boats and vessels of all sizes gaily trimmed. A large number of steamers met the Royal fleet on its approach. The city was very handsomely decorated,—the arches not numerous but very elaborate.

A crimson carpet was laid from the pavilion to the landing place, near which there was a grand stand, filled chiefly with ladies.

The Prince landed about 4 o'clock, under salutes from the ships, and land batteries, the yards of all the ships of war being manned. His Royal Highness was met by the Mayor and civic dignitaries of Quebec and the members of the Canadian Cabinet, in official uniform; the Anglican Bishop and clergy of Quebec, the Bishop and clergy of the Roman Catholic Church; the Governor General, the Commander of the Forces in Canada, and his staff, the Earl of Mulgrave, Lord Lyons, and his Secretaries, the Members of Parliament and a large number of citizens.

Under a canopy at the landing place, the Corporation presented their address.

A troop of cavalry escorted the royal party to the residence of the Governor General.

In the evening there was a general illumination.

On the 19th, the Prince attended divine worship,—he was met at the porch by the Bishop and Clergy. The Governor General's pew was fitted for the occasion with crimson drapery, having a throne in the centre.

The weather on Monday was wet, but notwithstanding the rain the Prince went up to the haudiere Falls in the afternoon, he also visited the Plains of Abraham, Wolf's Monument, and other places of interest.

On Wednesday a levee was held at Parliament House, which was very largely attended, at which, it is said the Speaker of the Assembly and President of the Council, were knighted.

On Wednesday the Prince was to have visited the Citadel.

During service at the English Cathedral in Quebec, when the Prince of Wales was present, £50 was abstracted from the pocket of the Speaker of the House, and £520 stolen from another gentleman, by New York pickpockets.—*Journal.*

The New York Herald states that "the procession was a failure, but the decorations and illuminations were very fine."

A revolver was taken from the reporter of a New York morning journal, in the evening train by the Chief of Police, who said he would have no use for such a weapon in Canada.

The grand state dinner given to Lord Lyons, the British Ambassador at Washington, last evening was a very brilliant affair. Major General Sir William Fenwick Williams, of Kara the celebrated hero of the Crimean campaign, at present commander-in-chief of the royal troops in this colony, was present at the festivities.

His many friends in Canada will regret to learn that A. M. Ross, Esq., the Engineer who superintended the erection of the Victoria Bridge, under Stephenson; and whose name will be associated with it as long as it endures, is now the inmate of a Lunatic Asylum.—*Mont. Adv.*

The Montreal Witness says the affairs of the Grand Trunk Railway appear to be approaching a crisis, and it is generally anticipated that the whole concern will be sold for debt.

A Canadian paper says it cannot remember when the province has been blessed with so bountiful a harvest as during the present year. The weather has been seasonable for harvesting, and the great bulk of wheat and barley is now safely housed.—No complaint is made, but all descriptions of grain yield abundantly.

United States.

SABBATH SCHOOL INFLUENCE.—Rev. Dr. Tyng states that in the thirty-one years he has been a city pastor, and personally connected with large Sabbath Schools, he has received over three hundred youths of both sexes to the Lord's table directly from the Sabbath Schools, and he has no doubt that two hundred more united with his church as a result of the influence of previous Sunday school instruction.

Lady Franklin is now on a visit to Mr. Grinnell, of New York, one of the merchant princes, by whom two of the expeditions in search of the remains of her lamented husband, Sir J. Franklin, were equipped. She is to visit Canada shortly, and spend the winter in San Francisco, by the advice of her physicians.

The Philadelphia *Enquirer* of the 25th reports the loss of over one hundred lives in different parts of the United States from heat, during the week preceding that date. Of these, forty-two deaths occurred from sun-stroke in New Orleans, and seventeen persons died in St. Louis from the same cause.

At Porto Rico the yellow fever was raging with great fierceness, attacking not only foreigners but natives.

Miss Hattie Hosmer, the American sculptress, has returned from her artistic labors in Europe to comfort a sick and aged father. She is spoken of as a fine, dashing, black-eyed girl of twenty-nine, who bears her world-wide fame with the happy, careless spirit of a child. She returns to Italy next autumn.