



Nothing is Lost.

Nothing is lost; the drop of dew
That trembles on the leaf or flower,
Is but exhaled, to fall anew.
In summer's thunder shower;
Perchance to shine within the bow.
That fronts the sun at fall of day;
Perchance to sparkle in the flow.
Of fountains far away.

Nought lost, for even the tiniest seed,
By wild birds borne on breezes blown,
Find something suited to their need;
Wherein 'tis sown and grown;
Perchance sustains some soil
In some remote and desert place,
Or mid the crowded homes of toil.
Sheds usefulness and grace.

The little drift of common dust,
By the March winds disturbed and tossed,
Though scattered by the fitful gust,
Is changed, but never lost;
It yet may bear some sturdy stem,
Some proud oak battling with the blast,
Or crown with verdurous diadem
Some ruin of the past.

The furnace quenched, the flame put out,
Still cling to earth or soar in air,
Transformed, diffused, and blown about,
To burn again elsewhere;
Haply to make the beacon-blaze
That gleams althwart the briny waste,
Or light the social lamp, whose rays
Illumine the house of taste.

The touching tones of minstrel art,
The breathings of some mournful flute,
Which we h'ave heard with listening heart,
Are not extinct when mute;
The language of some household song,
The perfume of some cherished flower,
Though gone from outward sense, belong
To memory's after-hour.

So with our words, or harsh, or kind,
Uttered, they are not all forgot;
But leave some trace upon the mind,
Pass on yet perish not;
As they are spoken, so they fall
Upon the spirit spoken to,
Scarce like drops of burning gall,
Or soothe like honey dew.

So with our deed, for good or ill
They have their power, scarce understood,
Then let us use our better will
To make them rise with good.
Like circles on a lake they go,
Ring within ring, and never stay;
Oh! that our deeds were fashioned so,
That they might bless always!

Then, since these lesser things ne'er die,
But work beyond our poor control,
Say, shall that suppliant for the sky
The greater human soul?
Ah, no! it still will spur the past,
And search the future for its rest,
Joyful if it be found at last,
Mong the redeemed and blest.

For the Intelligencer.

OBITUARY.

Mrs MARGARET JANE CAHOON was the only daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Cahoon and was much beloved by her parents and all who had the privilege of becoming acquainted with her.—But what unexpected events a short time discloses. Death comes with his cold icy hands and removes from the family circle a beloved child, an only daughter, regardless of every tie that binds their affections to each other. What an unspeakable mercy to be prepared for the solemn change. Death to our young sister was a welcome visitor, and although clothed in terror, she met the destroyer with a smile, and could say, "my Redeemer liveth."—The writer first became acquainted with Margaret Jane in the autumn of 1853. She at this time became a scholar in the Sabbath School of which he was a teacher. Although naturally of a cheerful and joyous disposition, she always appeared to be serious and thoughtful when the great truths of religion were pressed upon her mind. The love of Christ for sinners also appeared to be a favorite theme on which she delighted to dwell, and many a time did her eye weep at the story of the suffering of Christ. It was evident that God's Holy Spirit was working upon the mind of Margaret Jane—her seat was seldom vacant in her Sabbath School, and it was her delight to study her Bible, and often of a Sabbath morning would cite from 60 to 80 verses.

Early in the spring of 1855 she became more than usually exercised as to the salvation of her soul, and after contending some time with the enemy she ventured upon the Lord and resolved upon the first opportunity to make it known. Accordingly on Sunday morning at her School, when a suitable time offered, she arose and said she had been a great sinner, and spoke of the love and goodness of God, and her determination to serve him, and warned her young companions to flee from the wrath to come.

Margaret Jane from this time up to her death was a good member of society. She often was heard in public, speaking of the goodness of Christ and recommending him to her young companions as one altogether lovely.

In May following, she was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Sullivan and joined the Free Baptist Church of this place. A few months before her death it was evident that her departure was near at hand. She often had been told the probability of her disease—the consumption—terminating fatally, and had urged upon her the necessity of examining well her ground of acceptance with God. At first the thought of death was distressing, for the grave has no charms to attract human affections to till the grace of Christ destroys death of its sting and divests the grave of its terror.—But this was only a little time; the cloud was dissipated, the fear of death passed away, and from its being an object of dread, her disease became a topic of discourse, and her death was longed for, to introduce her into her Heavenly Father's House. She began gradually to sink and it was delightful to witness that, while her outward man was perishing her inward man was renewed day by day. Her growth in grace and Christian experience was very evident. On the Tuesday evening before her death she expressed a longing desire, if it was God's will, soon to enter into her rest. Being asked why she desired so much to be gone when her friends were all

so kind to her, she replied, "why you know I cannot get better, and the sooner I die the sooner I shall be in glory." Some two or three evenings before her death, she seemed to be in a very happy and comfortable frame of mind, and was heard to say, "O what a beautiful home and glorious company I shall soon join!"

On Wednesday morning, 4th of February, it was evident her end was near at hand; her mind however, was peaceful and unclouded. She being asked how she felt, and if Christ was precious to her heart, her answer was, "yes, I am happy." A short time before she died, she looked round upon the group that stood round and desired them all to leave the room, as she preferred being alone. At about two o'clock in the afternoon she fell asleep in Jesus, and her happy spirit joined that white robes before the Throne of whom she had so frequently spoken during her illness. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Her age was 17 years and nine months. She was committed to the tomb on Sunday the 8th ult. The Rev. Mr. Sullivan preached on the occasion to a large congregation. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Skinner. May the Lord sustain the bereaved parents and relations. Yours,

Z. P. A.
Co. N. S., March 5, '57.]

Sabbath School.

NEW YORK, Q.C., March 11, 1857.

MR. EDITOR.—I have felt a deep anxiety that a Sabbath School should be efficiently sustained; here and hence, although a female, I have solicited and received the following sums to aid the school in purchase of libraries, &c., and which I wish to acknowledge through your paper.

A FRIEND TO SABBATH SCHOOLS.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. Jas. Clark.....	7	6
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Mrs. Isaac Davis.....	3	6
Stephen Moore.....	2	6
George Slipp.....	2	6
Margaret Eskin.....	2	6
Mr. Stockford.....	1	6
Hannah Moore.....	1	6
Wm. Moore.....	1	6
Mrs. H. M. Corkie.....	1	6
Mrs. G. McConchie.....	2	6
Mrs. John Brown.....	1	3
Mrs. W. McConchie.....	2	6
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David E. Dunham.....	2	6
George Fowler.....	5	0
Jeremiah Davis.....	2	6
Chas. Porter.....	5	0

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Repenting on a Death-Bed.

Mr. B. was an active, skillful mechanic, of bright mind, ready wit, and free, social habits. But he was profane, given to drink, skeptical, and negligent of all religious ordinances. I often sought to make some serious impression, in some way, upon him, but I was only beating the air. He fell into a slow consumption; and while he could go about, a revelation had been received saying that she (Mrs. M.) could not go to heaven unless she had a gold watch and chain, and that these articles must be bought by members of a book, and was told that they were revelations from heaven. The witness was cautioned not to tell her husband, a request she fulfilled, and continued to hear preaching until she became "a machine to do anything she was told to do."

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