

POETRY.

WHAT TIME IS IT.

What time is it? Time to do well— Time to live better— Give up that grudge— Answer that letter— Speak that kind word to sweeten a sorrow. Do that good deed you would leave till to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DECEMBER.

December is crowded, above other months, with mingled thought, serious, joyous, sublime, reflective and anticipative. The stern reality of winter have come. The absence from the grove of the warbling throng, and the weird-like music of the Northern blast, betoken the speedy death of the year.

But what in December brings joyous thought? Ask the little ones, Christmas to them is full of joy. No other month of the year has so many pleasing anticipations. As it was years ago, when "the Great Mediator" was expected; so be it now, since He has come "scattering his gifts on men below."

The interest that gathers and culminates around this commemorative period is a constant and pleasing testimony in favor of Christianity. Whether Dec. 25, was or was not the very day on which the Saviour was born, 1881 years ago, is of no consequence, since we are sure that the event did take place. The fact will never be doubted, until good reasons can be shown that the world ought never to have had a Christmas-day. Like the Sabbath it will stand, and be observed so long as the Church of Christ remains on earth.

Brilliant rays from the excellent glory are now illuminating our world. This subject lends a charm, and throws around the month a fascination which will never fail to arrest human attention. The subject has not become stale by 1881 repetitions. Every year it seems to bring nearer the inn, the stable, the plains, the shepherds, the angels, the song, and the wondrous Babe of Bethlehem.

December silently suggests much respecting the close of life on earth. That period, to each of us, will be of thrilling interest. The watch-night of life is at hand. Son will be the last look be taken at the last farewell spoken, the last kiss given, the last tear shed, and the last prayer uttered. A Christmas interview with Christ is a good preparation to meet him above. Even a look upon the infant Jesus enabled those who had seen Him to return home "glorifying and praising God."

Dec. 15, 1881. "YE OLDEN TIMES." "Lulled in the countless chambers of the brain, Our thoughts are linked by many a hidden chain, Awake but one, and oh! what myriads rise!"

Such was our experience while reading in your paper the letter from Rev. J. H. Starr. As we perused it we found ourselves living over the years

of the past, and while so doing, there were memories many and precious that came back to our hearts of devoted and faithful ministers of Christ, many of whom are "beyond the river." The first of that olden-time memory was Rev. W. Wilson. The next the gifted and saintly Webb, who, to our child eyes, always seemed to have heaven in his face. Then J. B. Strong, and next in order T. H. Davies.—a man who communed with God, and who by his eye of faith had glimpses of that land of which it is said, "Eye hath not seen."

Other honored names we remember, but the years bear us onward to the time when Revs. R. Smith and J. H. Starr came to us with warm hearts and eloquent words, and whose names have been, and still are, household words. Our grateful hearts would pay a tribute to the memory of the men whose uncompromising, self-sacrificing, consistent lives taught us to love so ardently our beloved Methodism. We remember their loving counsel, their earnest prayers for our welfare, but in all those years, and while constantly making my father's house their home, we never remember of hearing a remark from one of them that would lead us to doubt the infallibility of the Stationing Committee.

Such a thing as ministerial wire-pulling was a thing unheard of. The fair or unfair apportionment of the mission grant must have been a forbidden subject. And as to the Children's Fund, well, if we thought of that at all we must have expected the children lived by faith as their fathers were supposed to do. If the ancient fathers had grievances like to the brethren of the present day they wisely pondered them in their own hearts instead of putting weapons into the hands of the enemy. In those early years of our life we do not remember of placing more than ordinary importance upon the Shorter Catechism or the Apostles' Creed; but we had an unwritten code, upon which we did place implicit confidence, the first article of which was that the ministers sent to our circuit were the best men in the Conference, and the second article was, that all that went to make up a perfect character was to be found embodied in our minister. And looking back with the experience that the years have given us, we do not feel that our faith was misplaced, for truly they were the living epistles of the doctrines they preached.

P. S. For Rev. J. H. Starr's information we would say, that the house he so often honored with his presence and prayers has been for some years a thing of the past (not however the log house around which the vine of his memory has entwined) and for the very good reason that a log house never was there. Our romantic tendencies might lead us to wish to claim this relic of antiquity as ours, but even at the risk of throwing away our last chance as belonging to one of the old families, we will have to relinquish our claim to so distinguished an heirloom.

M. J. MEMORIAL NOTICES. THE NEW HOME. They are gathering in another home— Slightly gathering one by one. The circle is larger, there than here, And still they are going, one by one. We hinder and hold them with clinging hands, With hands that can scarcely let them go; But from our clasp into viewless air, They must vanish from our sight, and go. We follow their footsteps to this new home, From dear ones here to loved ones there; There an organ looks, a sign, a smile, As we near the home of loved ones there.

MARSDEN BLOIS. Died on Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the 22nd year of his age, of consumption, Marsden, 3rd son of H. Blois, Esq., The Gore. The deceased was a young man of unimpeachable character, and had a large circle of friends. As a teacher for several terms he won the respect of all with whom he associated. He had, previous to his illness, studied for two terms at the Medical College, Halifax, where by his kindly disposition and studious habits he made for himself many warm friends among the Faculty and others. In Dec, 1880, the fatal disease manifested itself in hemorrhage of the lungs, and from that time he seemed to realize that his days were numbered. Then he had not experienced a change of heart, but through the faithful teaching of Bro Day, my predecessor, who visited him regularly, he was led fully to accept of Christ as his own Saviour and to realize the joy and peace which God so graciously gives to those who accept of salvation by faith. He glorified God in the furnace of affliction by a sweet spirit of resignation, never murmuring once during his illness. On coming to the circuit last July I formed his acquaintance and felt it a great privilege to visit him. He was cheerful and happy, talking calmly and intelligently of death, looking forward with joyous anticipation to the time of his departure, and longing to be with Christ. Several times he spoke with regret at not serving God when in health, but was overjoyed that God had accepted of him. One day while talking of God's love, he said "Isn't it wonderful, God thus loving me." His eyes filled with tears of joy. The Sabbath before death, being very low—just on the border land—while in prayer with the family and lifting up our hearts especially on his behalf, his face lighted up with a smile, and, faintly speaking my name, he reached out his poor emaciated hand and said, "I'm nearly home" and bid me good bye. He however lingered

until Tuesday evening and, appearing to revive a little, turned to his father and said "I'll soon be with Jesus," when his head dropped and without a groan or struggle he fell asleep in Jesus, and we trust, realized that God "giveth his beloved sleep." A large number gathered at the funeral to pay their last marks of respect to one whose "soul went down while it was yet day." We endeavored to improve the occasion by speaking from the triumphant utterance of St. Paul, "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." J. W. SHEPHERDSON.

HENRY P. BRIDGES, ESQ. of Sheffield, Sundry Co. died in the Lord Dec. 6th, 1881, in the 61st year of his age. Our departed brother was well known to many readers of the WESLEYAN, and the notice of his death will recall many memories of earlier days. Many who associated with him in other years are now living at a distance, and a short tribute to the memory of one who was known so well and respected so much will be looked for by them. Of his active life we need say but little. As a christian gentleman he was held in the highest esteem in the community in which he lived. His sterling integrity and high moral character can be best expressed by the scripture term "uprightness." He was an upright man. In all his business transactions the golden rule of doing unto others as ye would that others should do unto you, which in the present day is so often forgotten by those from whom we would expect better things, seemed to become the principle which always guided him. But, he did not depend on these things for salvation. His hope was founded entirely on Christ. Those hymns which were most expressive of praise to the Saviour he loved the best to sing. The New Testament Scriptures were his delight. His experience as a Christian was, love to Christ.

Although for sometime past his health had been failing his end was not looked for so soon. His death, sudden and unexpected as it was, produced a deep sensation throughout the whole neighborhood. On the Sabbath previous to his death he conducted worship as usual with his family, but feeling somewhat indisposed, he passed the day quietly at home. Little did anyone suppose it was his last Sabbath on earth. On Monday as he was dressing he fell fainting. Soon afterward he became unconscious, and gradually sank away until about midnight of Tuesday he was no more. With his bereaved and sorrowing widow and family there is great sympathy. We mourn their loss. To say we miss him much would be saying little. His absence from the service of our church the Sabbath morning after his death, made such a deep impression on the minds of those present that it was sometimes with difficulty the service proceeded. He had been so regular in his attendance, so ready always to take an active part in the absence of the pastor, and his death so unlooked for, that it seemed almost impossible that we should hear his voice and see his face no more. Truly the memory of the just is blessed. But while his name is no longer called in the service of the earthly sanctuary, we believe it is joined to the "general assembly and Church of the firstborn which is enrolled in Heaven." What is the honor earth can give, beside an earnest active Christian life!

ROBERT CRISP. MR. ROBERT PARKER. The subject of this notice was a native of Queen's County, Ireland, but came to this country over half a century ago. After having spent some time on the Miramichi he came further north and settled on the Restigouche. His sympathies have always been with the Methodist Church, of which for many years previous to his death he was a consistent member. During the infancy of our principal supporters, and was one of its principal supporters, and up to the time of his departure he aided us with his counsel and means. In the latter part of October last he contracted a cold which settled on his lungs, and in spite of every effort to restore him terminated in his death, on the 21st ult., at the advanced age of 76 years. From the commencement of his illness, Bro. Parker entertained no hope of recovery, and frequently asserted that he would not linger to see the close of November. Through all his sufferings he murmured not, but calmly awaited the hour when the sufferings of earth would terminate, and he could enter upon the joy of heaven. While in conversation with him, shortly before his death, he informed me that his feet were upon the sure foundation, and his hope of heaven was bright. He has left a sorrowing wife, a large family and a number of friends, to mourn the loss of a loving husband, a kind father and a loyal citizen. Bro. Parker will be much missed by the Church as well as by his family and the community, but our loss is his gain. Much sympathy is expressed for Sister Parker, who after a union of fifty years has sustained the loss of her partner in life. The separation will only be short. Glorious will the meeting be when on the "Sweet Eden Shore" they will meet no more to part.

CYRUS J. WELLS. Campbellton, N. B. It is better to say, "This one thing I do," than to say, "These forty things I dabble in."—Washington Gladden.

WILLIAM FOOT. At Foot's Cove, Burin, Nov. 22nd 1881, William Foot departed this life, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. He had suffered from feeble health for some years past, and was apparently no worse than usual on the morning of his death; indeed he felt himself sufficiently well to accompany his son to the fishing ground, about a mile from the house. While there he was seized with paralysis. Medical assistance was called, but too late to be of any service; in three hours he passed away. He has been a member of the Methodist Church over thirty years, having been converted to God during the Rev. John Brewster's ministry on this circuit. As a Christian he was unassuming, upright and consistent; as a Methodist he was warmly attached to our Church order and means of grace. The class-meeting especially was prized by him to the last. He loved the cause of God and supported it to the measure of his ability; one of his last acts was to give a donation for the new parsonage to be erected here. A sermon was preached at his funeral from 2 Tim. 6: 7-8, and the presence of a large congregation gave pleasing evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the community. W. KENDALL.

BREVITIES. "Tommy," said a mother to her seven year old boy, "you must not interrupt me when I am talking with ladies. You must wait till we stop, and then you may talk." "But you never stop," retorted the boy. Lord Ellenborough once said to a barrister, upon his asking in the midst of a boring harangue: "Is it the pleasure of the Court that I should proceed with my statement?" "Pleasure, Mr. —, has been out of the question for a long time, but you may proceed."

The physician wears out more rapidly than almost any other professional man. From a table of statistics, recently published in England, it appears that out of every one thousand medical men six hundred die before reaching their sixty-second year. That dilapidated old house alongside of the church looks as if it might be bought for a small sum. If purchased and repaired it would do for a parsonage. Ah! it is already the parsonage! Then, if thoroughly repaired, it would be a good parsonage. A prominent English hatter makes the discouraging statement that hatters believe the size of men's heads have undergone a decrease within the last thirty or forty years. At any rate, he says, more small hats and fewer large ones are sold now than at that time. A finely-dressed lady slipped and fell near the post office yesterday, and the gentleman who assisted her to her feet inquired, "Did you break any bones, madam?" "No, I guess not," she replied, "but I am just as mad as if I had broken a dozen of 'em!"

The Troy Times says: "A Saratoga Sunday school teacher asked her pupils yesterday if they could not bring in some new scholars. One of them promptly replied, 'I can,' and then, with hesitation, added, 'but he is a Democrat.'" When Phineas Rice was a member of the General Conference, a memorial was presented asking for a rule against the use of tobacco. Mr. Rice rose, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Slavery, which was gravely and, so far as the words were concerned, not inappropriately done.

The publisher of "Bradshaw," the famous English railway guide, was a Mr. Adams, who died in London a month ago. He was a modest, retiring man, and few people knew that he was a diligent student of Schopenhauer, and that when he left Fleet Street his evenings were devoted to the study of German philosophy. What a deal of inconvenience and loss to others is occasioned by the man who does not perform his engagements! A case came under our notice this week in which forty individuals were delayed in the commencement of their daily labor, and other damage caused, just by the omission on the part of one person to keep an appointment. Why allow considerations of self-interest, or any other, to lead us away from the fulfillment of a pledged word?—H. G. Standard.

Thelwell thought it very unfair to influence a child's mind by inculcating any opinions before it should come to years of discretion and be able to choose for itself. 'I showed him my garden,' said Coleridge, 'and told him it was my botanical garden.' 'How so?' said he. 'It is covered with weeds.' 'O,' I replied, 'that is because it has not come to its age of discretion and choice. The weeds, you see, have taken the liberty to grow, and I thought it unfair to prejudice the soil toward roses and strawberries.'

Here is a sweet bit of consolation for those newspaper men who are constantly accused of misrepresentation: Thomas Bradley of the Sydney Legislature found fault with the newspaper reporters on the ground that they did not give the speeches accurately. Therefore they took great pains to report his remarks verbatim. The following is his passage: "The reporters ought not to be the reporters ought not to be the ones to judge of what is important—not to say what should be left out—but—the member can only judge of what is important. As I—as my speeches—as the reports—as what I say is reported sometimes, no one—nobody can understand from the reports—what it is—what I mean."

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