

eminently satisfactory that in January of the current year Mr. Lewis was appointed Assistant District Secretary for Wales. This arrangement afforded no slight solace to Dr. Phillips' mind when he was laid aside by his last sickness, and he thanked God devoutly that He had not called him away from his work before a competent successor had been provided.

* * * He was present also at the last Anniversary meeting in May, nor was there any perceptible failure in vigour, or in that cheerful elasticity of spirit which always helped to throw a charm and freshness around the work to which he devoted himself. But the farewell he then took of the Bible House, a spot greatly endeared to him, and where, for many years, he had been permitted to make his London home, was a final farewell. * * * Increased feebleness was the necessary consequence of inability to retain food, and medical suspicion pointed to some malignant disease beyond the reach of human skill. It became needful to keep from his knowledge the details of business which related to his district, that he might be free from all disturbing excitement, although he evinced as keen an interest as ever in the great work of the Society, and was overjoyed when he heard the intelligence that Rome was at length free for the admission of the Bible.

* * * He bore on the same occasion emphatic testimony to the great delight he had ever experienced in furthering the designs of the Bible Society, and to the comforting influence with which the promises and hopes of God's Word filled his own soul. For the messages of sympathy he received so constantly from the Committee and the Christian friends with whom he had been associated he was most grateful, and observed more than once that he felt strengthened by them. "I die," he exclaimed to his family who had once gathered around his bed, when the moment of departure was supposed to be near at hand,—"I die in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ;" and he died as he had lived, resting on the "Rock" with a confidence which doubts and fears were not permitted to shake or obscure. Thus the Bible Society has been deprived of another of its most valued officers—one whose services filled a space of upwards of thirty-four years, and who laboured through that extended period with unsparing energy, remarkable sagacity, scrupulous conscientiousness, and unprecedented success. He, by the help of God, placed the Bible Society in Wales on an elevation far higher than it had previously reached, and instilled into the hearts of his countrymen the conviction that, foremost amongst the Institutions that honour Great Britain, and claim the sympathy and hearty co-operation of all her religious communities, stands the British and Foreign Bible Society. The influence of his noble efforts will not soon pass away, and for many years to come, in circles of both rich and poor, the name of Dr. Phillips will be identified with the Bible Society in Wales, and, it may be, help to revive drooping zeal and stimulate generous liberality.

REV. DR. GILL.—Since the above was in print we have received the intelligence of the death of another of the devoted agents of the Parent Society, the Rev. Dr. Gill, a gentleman well known to many in Canada, in connection with his visit to this country in 1864, at which time, as stated in the Monthly Reporter, "he undertook the responsible office of the Society's representative to the British Provinces of North America. The object of his mission was to strengthen the bonds of amity existing between the Parent Society and its numerous Auxiliaries in these provinces, to furnish interesting information concerning its important work in various parts of the world, and to offer such suggestions as experience might dictate for the extension of local operations and the expansion of local resources. In the prosecution of this enterprise Dr. Gill visited Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland; and simple justice to his memory claims the acknowledgment that he discharged the important duties which devolved upon him to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. On his return to England Dr. Gill was most anxious to continue his con-