

to is Miss COGSWELL, daughter of the late Hon. H. H. Cogswell,—a name familiar in every household—revered by every acquaintance. No other woman in Halifax has a record of so enduring a character—no other name had so sweet a sound to the children of poverty and misfortune. Her's was a life-sacrifice. The inmates of the Hospitals, the Orphan's Home, the Industrial School, the Alm's-House of Industry, and kindred institutions, watched for her regular visits as they would for those of a mother, and many a tear will fall from expectant eyes when the message comes to them that she has passed away from earth. Her abundant means were freely expended wherever the Master presented an open door; and all she had—time, talent, wealth, personal influence,—were laid on the altar and devoted to the service of Christ. Verily she has her reward.

Special prayer-meetings are still held in some of the Halifax Churches. Upwards of 80 persons have been baptized in connection with the Baptist churches alone, within a month.

THE REV. J. R. THOMPSON, the former minister of Richmond and N. W. Arm—is at present Moderator of the Presbytery of Oregon, U. S. Honours have come thick and fast upon him, for he has not only been appointed Moderator of his Presbytery, but his brethren have added to his honours by appointing him one of their Commissioners to the General Assembly. His friends—especially his old congregation—will be glad to read the following extract from a letter of his to a brother minister :

“ My brethren have honored me by electing me Commissioner to the General Assembly which meets next May in Cleveland, Ohio. I shall (D.V.) be there. As I shall have three month's leave of absence, I shall expect to meet you, and have a good warm hand-shaking, and a good old-fashioned talk.”

Rev. S. Houston, of Michigan, U. S., writing to the *Pres. Witness*, has the following paragraph at the close of his letter :

“ The appointment of Rev. Allan Pollok to a chair in the Hall reminds me that I

spent a very pleasant time about a week since in the house of a Scotch family where the warmest enquires were made about Mr. Pollok. Mine host was a schoolmate and playfellow of the professor-elect, and her mother was on intimate terms with Mr. Pollok, sonr. I told them of my having met with Mr. Pollok several times while he was a resident of New Glasgow, and that he was now in a parish in the old land, but I did not tell, for the information had not then reached me, of his being chosen to a professor's chair. It will be agreeable intelligence for my old friend when I see her, which will likely be in a week or two. I shall not soon forget the conversation she and I had about Scotland and Scotchmen, her son's very comfortable residence being quite near the line that separates Indiana from Michigan. In some respects she reminds me of a lady of culture who resides at Glassville, N. B., and who was an intimate friend of Hugh Miller. Some of your readers will know whom I mean.”

The North British Society attended Divine Service in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, on the evening of St. Andrew's day, when an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. John Campbell, Chaplain to the Society.

Rev. John Morton, missionary from the sister Church to Trinidad, had arrived at St. Thomas on his homeward journey on Nov. 11th.

Rev. John Inglis has presented an overture to the New Hebrides Mission Synod, in favour of abolishing the use of intoxicating wine at the Lord's Table, and substituting in its place the liquor of the cocoa-nut. The subject will be further considered at the next meeting of Synod in 1875.

At the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in New York, recently, there were present fifty-two bishops and three hundred and twenty-eight delegates—lay and clerical. Many distinguished personages from England, Canada, and other countries, were present. A resolution was moved to admit the clergy of the Greek Church, followed by another to admit those of the Roman Catholic Church, who might be in the city. The former were admitted, but the latter were not. Ritualism formed a conspicuous subject of debate.