

cessful in gathering in many to the membership of the Churches, and was highly esteemed by his people, even more highly than he himself imagined. Most of these years of toil were years of great physical suffering. While pursuing preparatory studies at Wolfville he took a severe cold which destroyed his health, and was the cause of his early death. His ardent temperament and vigorous style made him a powerful preacher of the Word. We trust he now rests from the sorrows, toils and infirmities of this life, saved not for his works or sufferings here, but by the precious blood of Christ.

Death has also been bearing from us many dear brethren and sisters. Among these departed ones we find the name of Deacon Manthorn of the Port Medway Church, with that of his beloved wife. "He was a good man full of faith and good works."

On the 16th of April last our beloved brother Dea. Wm. S. Raymond, one of the old standard bearers of the Beaver River Church, was called, after a protracted illness, to his heavenly rest.

So the redeemed hosts of earth are marching into Canaan, and many of us here to-day are evidently near the margin of the narrow stream that divides us from those departed ones. As we journey after them let us sing, and if needs be let us sigh and suffer, if by this we can but induce the lost ones of earth to arise and go with us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee beg to report it as their opinion. that the press is becoming more and more one of the most powerful influences either for good or evil : and that as a consequence, too much care cannot be taken, by those most concerned, that no literature find its way into the family or Sunday School, but such as contains good, sound, wholesome teaching.

This watchfulness becomes all the more necessary, since a constant stream of most questionable literature finds its way into these Provinces through the mails, and is often introduced by some attractive chromo, which serves as a sort of sugar to coat the pill, which taken, tends not to health but to moral sickness and decay. Your Committee are further of opinion that every Baptist family should, if at all possible, take their denominational paper, inasmuch as this will tend to increase, where needed, an interest in the various branches of denominational work ; nor do they see how any person who can afford to take such paper, yet does not, can be at all interested in the success of the body to which they belong.

Your Committee also consider that while excellent service is being done to the denomination and the cause of Truth, by means of