

woodwork, of very elaborate and effective design. With the additional space afforded by the galleries, accommodation is provided for upwards of 1,000 persons. A fine stained-glass window, representing the embarkation of the Pilgrim Fathers, is one of the most prominent features in the decoration. This window is the gift of Dr. Nathaniel Rogers, of Exeter. In the library is a memorial window, at present only partially completed. It will contain full-length portraits of John Bunyan, John Milton, John Howe, and Richard Baxter; and medallion portraits of the late Rev. Dr. George Smith, of Poplar (whose widow, and father-in-law, Mr. S. Morley, M.P., are the donors of the memorial), Dr. Binney, Dr. Vaughan, and Dr. Pye Smith. The full-length figures are very successfully treated, but the medallions which have portraits already inserted, and which are supposed to represent Drs. Binney and Vaughan, are simply hideous, and mar the whole of what is otherwise a very beautiful window. The building is for the most part of fire-proof construction, heated by hot water, well lighted and ventilated throughout. The corridors are laid with encaustic tiles. On the day of opening, a profusion of shrubs and hot-house flowers with which the staircases and their approaches were decorated added greatly to the general effect."

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Lovers of "the weed" will bear with us if we drop a parting tear over the memory of the Rev. George Trask, a Congregational Minister, of Fitchburg, Mass, who was better known, however,

as the originator and chief promoter of the Anti-Tobacco reform. An obituary notice of him in the *Congregationalist* says:—

"He was one of the marked men of the epoch of which we write, and well deserves recognition as one of the brave spirits of the great Reform period. No matter that the work to which he consecrated himself was not a popular one; no matter that he labored almost singly and alone; no matter that he was compelled, *ex necessitate rei*, to act as president, secretary, treasurer and general manager of 'The Anti-tobacco Society'; no matter that he received no endorsement from the great and fashionable; it was all the same to him. He cared not for it; Providence had fitted him for just such a thankless task, given him the needed inspiration for it, and a 'helpmeet' qualified, aye, and supposed to give that sympathy and assistance without which no man can put forth his full strength. And this last was a great matter to George Trask, as it ever must be to any one who is called to suffer martyrdom, whether at the hands of a mob, or upon the gibbet or social proscription."

If George Trask was rough, as some people thought him, in manner or language, it must be replied, the writer says, that he had a rough subject to deal with, and adds:—"Not only young men, but many a minister of the gospel too, and others occupying high and influential positions in the varied walks of life, will bless the memory of George Trask while they live, for having saved them from a despicable and destructive vice." Peace to his ashes!