

ed in a good degree his reason, has terminated his life. He has fallen a victim to his efforts to serve God, and benefit his race: a glorious martyrdom! He met death with great calmness and in the enjoyment of that peace which none but God can give. With the exclamation, "I am a dying man!" upon his lips, he added, "All is well!" We doubt not he has already heard the welcome plaudit: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant;—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

His connections have sustained a great loss. They are this day, the objects of our deep and cordial sympathy. "It is our heart's desire and prayer to God," that they may be sustained and comforted under this bereavement. And we cannot but rejoice with them in the consolation, which the gospel presents for their acceptance. What can be a greater consolation to the bereaved, bleeding hearts of Christian friends, than satisfactory evidence that the one, whose loss they mourn, has entered a mansion on high, prepared for him by the blessed Saviour himself. Desirable as it was that your beloved husband, and father, and brother, should abide in the flesh for your sakes, it is doubtless better, far better for him, to depart and be with Christ. Could you, my friends, only have a clear view of that happy society with which he is now associated, and of the glory of which he is a partaker in heaven, much as you loved him, and deeply as you felt the need of his continued efforts here for your benefit, you could not indulge a desire for his return.

While he was with you on earth, you thought it your duty, and felt it to be your pleasure to do all you could for the promotion of his happiness. But the time for the numerous attentions to his temporal wants, and many tokens of personal affection and kindness which you delighted to minister to his comfort here, is now past. He has gone beyond the reach of all these sources of gratification. There is, however, one duty which you owe him still; one way in which you can increase his happiness in heaven. It is to meet him there. O deny him not the satisfaction of welcoming you to a mansion in heaven near his own.

The salvation of his beloved children was to him an object of deeper solicitude and more fervent prayer than any earthly inheritance of which he desired to put them in possession. My dear young friends, think of the joy which a knowledge of your conversion to Christ would now give him in heaven, and of the great increase of happiness which your arrival there will add to his present enjoyment.

This family are not the only mourners on this occasion. The people in this place, with whom Mr. Simmons has so long resided, and the association of ministers with whom he was connected, feel his loss and mourn his departure. What an example, not only of the love of truth and devotion to its cause, but of genuine Christian liberality, has he set before this people. They know him both as a good minister and as a good parishioner. They have seen his professed attachment to the gospel proved and illustrated by the exertions and sacrifices which he has personally made to sustain its institutions here. While they feel his loss, let them imitate his example. If they would all do individually what he was always ready and willing to do, there would be no difficulty in sustaining an efficient and permanent ministry here.

My brethren in the ministry, we have, in the providence which has called us together to-day, a most solemn and affecting admonition. The example of our brother's diligence and fidelity in the service of his Master, presented afresh, and with new interest by his premature departure, should inspire us with

new zeal, and stimulate us to greater activity in our work. We are reminded that the time of our own departure is at hand. The account, which each one of us must give to God of our stewardship, is a most affecting and solemn one. And the death of our beloved brother, with its attendant circumstances, calls upon us with significant emphasis, to be prepared for this great event.

From News of the Churches.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CANVASS.

LONDON.—A general meeting of canvassers connected with the South London Auxiliary Sunday-school Union was recently held at Trinity Chapel, Borough, for the purpose of receiving details of the results of the recent canvass, and for a free conference on the movement. Mr. W. H. Watson, one of the secretaries of the Sunday-school Union, took the chair, at seven o'clock. After singing and prayer, offered by the Rev. C. T. Kern, the chairman stated the special object of the meeting. In the course of his speech he said, "That the scheme of the Union has had the effect of rousing the religious feeling of the country concerning Sunday-school enterprise, we see plain enough, in the fact that, east, west, north, and south, similar efforts have been made, are being made, and will be made, until I believe every large town in the country will have had a canvass for scholars to the Sunday-school. Many of the results which have attended the canvass have been exceedingly gratifying; one of which, and that not the least, is that it has tended not a little to bring together those who were very much separated the one from the other. In the town of Liverpool, for example, it has been an entirely catholic movement. The Church of England has united with all bodies of Evangelical Dissenters, and the work has been carried through with the most perfect cordiality. And in the city of Manchester, where the bishop of that city took the chair at a meeting for the purpose of inaugurating the canvass, it will be carried on by both Church of England men and Dissenters merged into one body."

Mr. Culverwell then read a statement of what had thus far been accomplished, from which it appeared that the number of canvassers in the south of London had been 1284; houses visited, 31,138; children between the ages of three and eighteen, 42,531; attendants at Sunday-schools, 23,628; number promised to attend, 7860; actual additions to the schools, 3724. He also stated that upwards of 100,000 copies of the Rev. Samuel Martin's Address to Parents were distributed in connection with this movement.

LIVERPOOL.—A public meeting was held in the Concert Hall, Lord Nelson Street, on Tuesday night, for the purpose of receiving the report of a committee appointed to canvass the town for scholars and teachers for the various Church of England and Dissenting schools in the town. It appeared that about 2000 canvassers had been engaged in the work, and between 9,000 and 10,000 promises had been made for children to be sent to the various schools. The enquiry had elicited the fact that, in 122 Evangelical Protestant Schools in Liverpool, there were 23,376 children; the total amount, adding 8000 Roman Catholic children, being 31,376. According to Horace Mann's return, the number of children in Liverpool who might attend schools is 66,804, so that there are 33,428 who do not belong to any school at all. In some observations on the subject of the movement, the Rev. C. M. Birrell (Scotch Baptist) stated, that Cardinal Wiseman had represented the danger of the