

the system that is now almost universal in St. John among the first-class dry goods stores.

Mr. Daniel has been so many years in the community, and is so well known as an honorable, upright, christian gentleman, that anything I might say would be quite unnecessary, and the only object in writing anything of a man like him, is that young men that were present at the service in our Church on the day of his funeral may see by this that it is worth living a good life and making a great effort to withstand temptation, and may also see that they should not try to make money or to gain any social or political position except by the straight road of strict integrity, honesty of purpose, and a Christian Life."

The foregoing notice needs no comment. It speaks with its own eloquence of conviction as to the realised and applied Christianity which is "not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Such was Mr. Daniel, in the world as in the congregation. His last days, so memorable now to those who knew him, were the same days of quiet activity. On the last Sunday of the past year he came as usual to the vestry after morning service, and placed his initials at the entry of the offertory in our parish record. During the following week he was confined to his house, but no special alarm was felt on his behalf. On Saturday he sent a note to the Rector, asking him to call on his way homeward. The writer of these lines will not forget that last interview. He found Mr. Daniel to all appearance much better in health, and in all his usual cheerfulness. He spoke of various parish matters, especially rejoicing at the recent appointment of a superintendent in our Sunday school, and also concerning a question of discipline which he had assisted the Rector in deciding. He spoke earnestly upon the necessity of inculcating a spirit of order and self-respect in our boys, and of supporting all authority under which they might be placed. About half-past one we parted. A few hours later he was called to his rest.

The funeral service was a reflection of the City's grief. With rich and poor, with distant acquaintance as with intimate friend, there was the same sorrow, the same utterance of the character once given to Barnabas: "He was a good man." Hundreds were unable to obtain entrance into our church, and the whole city mourned. Milman's exquisite hymn:

"Brother, thou hast gone before us,
And thy saintly soul has fled;"

spoke the feelings of all. A few words were uttered from the pulpit, but they did not claim to delineate more than one or two features of his character. Much was too deep for speech. It has been debated as to the relative trials of prosperity and adversity, which tests human character by harshest ordeal. The verdict may be doubtful, but to him who has endured and conquered in both trials may be applied that noblest eulogy which ever an uninspired writer uttered:

A soul supreme, in each hard instance tried,
Above all pain, all passion, and all pride,
The rage of power, the blast of public breath,
The lust of lucre, and the dread of death.

But loftier even than the frame of mind which Pope ascribed to his friend Harley is that which was learned of JESUS CHRIST, and His apostle declared:

"I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound:
. I can do all things through CHRIST which strengtheneth me".

One of the many voices of comfort to the bereaved came across the wide continent, and from a letter of loving sympathy based upon intimate recollection we are permitted to quote a few sentences which will echo the inmost feeling of all who are left behind. "Your loss (wrote the friend) is also a public loss. Few men held a higher position in the esteem of the people, while to the sick and suffering he was ever a loving benefactor. * * * * Only last Christmas there came to me from him a volume which, read in the light of after events, seems like a farewell message. In it these words occur:

"There come to us times of sorrow,
For so hath the Master willed,
When some chord of the heart is broken,
Some life-note forever stilled."

"As I write, the tears will come to think that should I be spared to revisit home scenes, one dear fatherly face will be missing, whose smile was so bright and greetings so genuine.

For us, mourning; for him, rejoicing. At rest with those dear ones who have gone before. God grant that I may be rendered worthy to enter the same bright home." J. deS.

THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION gave the entertainment known as "Mrs. Jarley's Wax-works" on Friday, the 29th, on behalf of the Sunday School Building fund. Some difficulty was experienced in finding a person willing to undertake the responsible role of Mrs. Jarley; finally a most capable representative was found in Miss Maclaren, who did full justice to the humours of her part. In spite of snow on the ground, a good audience assembled, and we hope were not disappointed. The various figures fully carried out Mrs. Jarley's encomiums on their beauty and grace, their expressions and notions being quite in keeping with the idea of their being—as Mrs. Jarley described them—"blockheads every one". The young lady who represented Signorina Squallini charmed all ears with her rendering of "Annie Rooney," and carried out her somewhat difficult and trying part exceedingly well. Space will not permit us to dwell upon the performance at length, but we must remark that George and Henry were very able assistants and hardly deserved censure. After the performance refreshments were served, and an informal but pleasant conversation took place.

THE annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of Church Workers will be held on the 23rd February when the election of officers and committees will take place.

CANDIDATES for Confirmation should send in their names to the Rector. Classes will be formed in Lent, and the Confirmation will take place after Easter.