

Obituary Notices.

Died, of Diphtheria, at Lewis Head, November 30, JERUSA, aged 15, and, on the following day, EMMA, aged 17, daughters of George and Mary Giffen.

Up to the time of their illness, they had not manifested any decided concern for salvation. But the prayers of pious and exemplary parents were yet to be answered, though in a mysterious way. From under a dark and gloomy cloud His Divine Spirit shone forth in the conversion of these dear departed ones.

Emma was attacked by the fatal malady on Monday, 25th. Every attention was paid to her that affection could devise; and for a time she was entertained that she would recover. These hopes were doomed to bitter disappointment. This lovely flower, the joy and pride of the whole family, was to be nipped in its opening bloom.

Jerusalem was taken ill on Tuesday night. Her case seemed to be hopeless from the first—as her sufferings were so intense, and continued to increase. She could get no relief, either from medicine or change of position, although every means available were tried. She was fast sinking; and her mother felt her painful duty to tell her she feared for her life; there appeared no possibility of her recovery.

The announcement passed, she exclaimed: "It is impossible! Can it be that I am dying?" Then commenced a mental as well as a physical struggle, from which it was feared she could not rally. This struggle lasted for some time. When spiritual deliverance came, bodily strength came with it; and it was evident to all that a mighty change had taken place: instead of fear and dread, joy and peace beamed from her countenance. She exclaimed, "My sins are pardoned; now, mother, I am not afraid to die. O no! Jesus is so loving, I want to go to Him! Dear mother, will you forgive me all my disobedience?" Being assured that she was most heartily forgiven, she subsequently begged forgiveness of other members of the family.

All who testified that they did forgive. She seemed to be in an ecstasy, although suffering as those only suffer who are dying from the most malignant form of this dread malady. She would stretch out her hands and say, "Come, sweet Jesus, I am ready to go." Her father being from home, she wished to see him very much. "Tell him," said she, "to forgive me."

"And when you hear his heart-strings break, How sweet my minutes roll." "Jesus can make a dying bed, Feel soft as a child's arm, While on his breast I lean my head, And breathe my life out sweetly there."

Her faculties were bright to the last. She repeatedly said, "Lord Jesus, I am coming," as if she saw the Saviour beckoning her away; "now don't stand so long, I want to go to Him; I am coming, dear Jesus, give me thy hand;" and passed away beyond the flood, Saturday morning, at half-past four o'clock.

While Jerusalem was thus passing away, dear Emma witnessed it all. On Saturday morning she was indulged that she would be spared; through the day she became more restless, it was evident a change for the worse had taken place. Death had marked her for a victim; and yet she wished to assure her mother that she would not die, but live. She felt the need of a saviour in this her hour of trial. Her sister's happy death made a deep impression on her mind, and she called on the Lord with strong cries and tears. About nine in the evening she wished her aunt to pray for her. The reply was, "I am praying for you, my dear." "Oh, aunt Ann, you must kneel by me and pray so that I can hear you." Her request was complied with. She said, "Mother, pray; all pray; myself earnestly pleading for mercy, that God, for Christ's sake would forgive all her sins. In deep distress she sprang from the bed to the sofa and back to the bed. In this struggle for breath something gave way in her throat, and she obtained relief for a time. Thus relieved, she commenced praising God. Her language was: "Sweet Jesus, how lovely thou art! How bright thy crown! How white the spotless robes! O! how I long to be with thee! Come, sweet Jesus, and bear my happy spirit home."

Since the appearance of the disease in the vicinity, she was much alarmed, and shed many tears in consequence. It was said in her hearing that the disease was brought to the house by a member of the family. She quickly replied: "Say not so; our God has sent it to call us, his children, home: what a beautiful band we shall be, walking the golden streets of the new Jerusalem!" [This was in reference to a former sister, who died in the Lord, as well as Jerusalem, and other young friends who had recently died in the Lord from the same disease.] After resting a little, she said, "Dear mother, I shall not die, but be successful and happy; God will spare me to warn sinners; I shall be the means of their conversion. I shall live to praise my God, and live to his glory. I will be a comfort to father, mother, and brothers." This effort overcame her very much. And now commenced her last conflict with the king of terrors. For a moment the enemy beclouded her prospects—but for a moment—and all was bright again.—Turning to a friend, who had been unremitting in his attention during her illness, she said: "Look down my throat. Do not be afraid to tell me, if inflammation has taken place. I am not afraid to die, I do not want to die, and be with my blessed Jesus. I only want to live because you want me. Now lay me on the bed." Being laid down, she looked at her distressed and grieved mother, and said: "O mother, give me up; I am going to my sweet Jesus." After a short pause, she named the hymns she wished sung, and the text (Col. iii. 2), she wished to be the subject of a funeral discourse. Her work seemed to be done on earth, and heavenly melodies absorbed her whole soul. During the remainder of the night and the following day she suffered most severely. When her voice was audible, she heard repeating favourite hymns. Knowing, she repeated two lines of a hymn she had learned from an absent brother.—"A home in heaven, with a joyful thought, As the poor man treads his weary way."

"Tell George, I think we should take comfort singing this winter, but it will not be so; but we shall sing in nobler strains above."

The last long weary night of suffering ended, and day broke, but brought no relief to this dear sufferer. The sun rose; she noticed it and exclaimed: "How beautiful! This is the Sabbath morning. How delightful to go heaven this lovely morning!" She continued to suffer during the day; frequently requesting her friends to pray for her. Near sunset, while a friend was at her bedside, she lay quite composed; and shortly after, her happy spirit took its flight.

H. H. Died, at Fort la Bert, Oct. 24th, EDWARD JAMES RICHARDSON, son of Tilly Richardson, after eight days illness of Diphtheria, aged 19 years. His end was peace. In his greatest sufferings, he endeavored to fortify himself with the Saviour for him. As death approached, he not only looked upon it with calmness, but with triumph. He gave various directions about his

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Funeral, and selected Rev. Mr. L. as his funeral text. He now rests from the storms of this world, to which he was sometimes exposed, and awaits the glorious time when there shall be "no more sea."

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1861.

In consequence of the official relation which the organ sustains to the Conference of Eastern British America, we require that Obituary, Revival, and other notices addressed to us from any of the Churches within the bounds of the Conference, should pass through the hands of the Superintendent Minister. Communications designed for this paper must be accompanied by the name of the writer in confidence. We do not undertake to return rejected communications. We do not assume responsibility for the opinions of our correspondents.

The grand holiday of the winter season, which affects printing-offices as well as other places, puts a necessity upon us to go to press a day before our usual time, although we still retain our usual date of publication in the present paper; we shall therefore anticipate the day with our town subscribers, while to all in town and country we most cordially tender

THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

Incarnation of Christ.

Jesus Christ possessed the human nature as well as the divine. The Scriptures inform us that "The Word was made flesh," and that "God was manifest in the flesh." Hence he is called the Son of Man. That is, he that possessed the human nature. He is said to be "the seed of the woman, the seed of Abraham, the offspring of David, to be a child born, a son given, to be conceived by the Virgin Mary," all of which show that he truly possessed the human nature. He took not on him the nature of angels, but he took upon him the seed of Abraham. Inasmuch as we were partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; emptied himself, put off the form of God, in which he had subsisted before all worlds, and took the "form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. He was made in all points like unto us, yet without sin.

Nor was it merely the likeness of man that he assumed; but though more than man, he became very man. He possessed the body of man. Though the Ancient Days, he became an infant—a child, and the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and the growth of him was upon him. He was subject to all the innumerable infirmities of human nature; he felt hunger, thirst, weariness, pain; he eat, drank, slept. He possessed a reasonable, human soul. "Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin." This soul was "sorrowful even unto death." His sorrows were his by his gradually increasing wisdom, in his waxing strong in spirit, in his having a will of his own, distinct from the Father. He was sensible of more human affections, such as sorrow, Matt. xxvii. 28. Joy, Luke x. 21. Love, John iv. 5. Anger, Mark iii. 4. 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