

ON THE DEATH OF THE REV. WILLIAM SARGENT.

Behold they hasten from us, The beautiful and true; Whose lives were full of promise, The vineyard's toil in view.

Of late an aged brother, And then, one in his prime; And now we mourn another, Cut off amidst hope sublime.

How warm his adoration! What fervency of praise! What holy exultation! What views of saving grace!

Our pulpits miss his fervour, His brilliant heavenly mind, His calm and fixed endeavour, To benefit mankind.

March, 1877.

METHODISM IN BERMUUDA.

BY PROF. JOHN JOHNSON, LL.D.

Methodism was introduced into Bermuda in 1779, by Rev. John Stephenson, a missionary sent by the British Wesleyan Conference to labor among the colored population, who were then mostly held as slaves.

There is in this town (Hamilton) but one Wesleyan Church, which, it is said, was erected early in the present century. It is of the early Wesleyan order of architecture, and is still in use.

MOODY IN BOSTON.

The general course of the meetings has gone on without special incident. The attendance continues about the same, but the number of those who go into the inquiry meetings and present themselves for prayer in the other meetings, is constantly increasing.

time comes for summing up results it will be found that the greatest harvest is being gathered in that has been known in the history of this country.

Mr. Moody manifests characteristic good sense in maintaining utter silence as to all attacks. The papers abound in open letters addressed to him; proposing discussion with him, asking the privilege of speaking in the Tabernacle; from Unitarians and Universalists asking why they are excluded from the work.

The Rev. G. R. Leavitt says in the N. Y. Independent:—Mr. Moody has wonderful tact. The following incident is an illustration of it: After a recent meeting, he was speaking with an old Chicago friend, now settled in Cambridge, when he was approached and abruptly addressed by a powerfully-built, rough-looking man, with a book under his arm.

HOW TO DEAL WITH ENQUIRERS.

BY D. L. MOODY.

If I could get just a few hundred Christians that were striving for souls, and looking out for them, and with their open Bibles ready to point them to the way of life after every service here, I haven't any doubt about the work being permanent.

OBITUARY.

MANCHESTER, 16th MARCH, 1877.

Mr. Editor.—Shortly after my coming to this Circuit two elect ladies passed from it to the realms above. It was supposed that other hands than mine would have furnished you with fitting memorials for insertion in the WESLEYAN. These having failed, the duty falls upon me.

J. R. HART.

MRS. RICHARD ROSS.

was the daughter of George Bears, Esq., who died many years ago, in the triumph of faith. Her aged mother is yet waiting till her change come. Our late sister was born at New Harbor, Guysboro' Co., Feby. 15th 1808. Shortly after her birth the family moved to the river side in the same county, and here, under the ministry of the Rev. W. Webb, at 21 years of age, Miss Bears was converted.

MRS. GEORGE HECKMAN.

Died at Petite Riviere, on Feb. 24th. Mrs. George Heckman, aged 69 years. It is a very encouraging thing to us that our people die so well, and leave a triumphant witness to the power of the Gospel and faithfulness of our covenant keeping God. Our departed sister alluded to above furnished another of those bright and encouraging examples of the power and sufficiency of Divine grace.

MRS. JAMES RANDALL.

Mary Cook was born at Guysboro', January 23rd, 1798. Of her early religious life I have nothing to relate, save, that she lived without a knowledge of sins forgiven. On her marriage to James Randall, Esq., of Little River, (New Bayfield), Antigonish Co., she moved thither. A few years after marriage, she, with her husband, paid a visit to Guysboro'.

Scattered far and wide,

And last of all, Bro. Sargent steps out of the ranks and lays his armour away; well worn and bright. If memory serves me well Bro. Sargent grew up, fearing God. As he has often told me, "the fear of God was ever before my eyes, if I had not his love in my heart."

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MRS. NANCY OULTON.

Nancy, the beloved wife of Edward S. Oulton, of Point de Bute, Westmorland County, N. B., fell asleep in Jesus, Sabbath, the 25th of Feby, 1877, aged 57 years. Our brother and sister were on a visit to her brother, Mr. Thomas Atkinson, Hopewell, A. County, when suddenly called to exchange time for a glorious eternity. Truly it says to us be ye also ready. We know not when or where death may meet us. May God bless the bereaved family.

that ere she was called away, He had permitted her to know of the conversion of her only living child and members of his family. Nothing could exceed the kindness of these. Beside doing all they could to alleviate her bodily sufferings, they exerted themselves to cheer her passing soul. Her son read from the word of God to her seven or eight times during each day, and the family often gathered around her bed to sing her favorite hymns.

IN MEMORIAM.

And so Bro. Sargent has left us! Dead and laid quietly in the silent grave—the only place of undisturbed repose on earth! Gone from the sight and the hearing and the embrace of the loved, the loving and the weeping to the presence and joy of the Master. Gone from the cares and sorrows and sufferings, the incomprehensibilities, questionings and shadows of this life, to the cloud and shadow land—rather to the grand realities of that world where all the unknown shall be known, and the wrongs shall be right.

And my eyes are dim as I write, but my pen moves on and on, as thoughts of tender affection and loving admiration run back over other days. Well I knew him, and it was well for any that knew him; the power and influence of his pure and peerless life are with me still. Blest as God for the few we meet, and of whom we say when parting—"Good bye! I shall be the better for having met you."

I knew his family well, having visited often there when he and I were school-boys together. And those were the happy days that "fixed our choice."

With the Captain of their salvation they have entered the haven of rest, and are safe from all the storms now. And others at subsequent periods; amongst them, the lovely Janet Crowell, and I think husband and babe—and Jimmie Cox, with his wife and little ones, all sleep quietly, till the sea gives up its dead. And my own sister, Kate Coffin, rests where the billows of the Indian seas chant her requiem on India's golden shores.

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most strangely faultless.

By letters received from him while teaching in the public schools, studying at Sackville, and following the Lord Jesus preaching the Gospel, I know that with faith unwavering and a single mind, he went forward to the mark of his high calling; glorying only in the cross of Christ, and knowing nothing amongst men but Christ and him crucified.

J. B. HEMMEON.

P. S. This is not to take the place of an obituary from some better hand—only a little wreath from the garden of loving memories cast on the fresh grave.

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