

opportunity of dealing faithfully, yet kindly and affectionately with him about the life he was leading, and his spiritual interests, and persevered in his exhortations as long as the man was with him.—The result was an outward reformation. The individual abandoned drinking, and its concomitant vices, and became at least, more thoughtful. There did not at first appear evidence of any more decided change of heart. But the seed sown, afterward bore fruit under very interesting circumstances. In the following spring, he went with his company to Canada, where he served during the remainder of the war. On one occasion, when under fire, another man belonging to the Island, asked him to change places with him. He agreed, but they had scarcely done so, till the other man was shot dead. This event made such a deep impression upon his mind, that in connection with Dr. Keir's exhortations, it led to a thorough change. He returned to P. E. Island at the peace, and has since led a consistent life. For a number of years, he has been a respected Elder in one of our congregations there. We trust that should this meet his eye, he will forgive our reference to his case.

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#### HENRY ALLINE.

The subject of the following sketch attracted, in his day, more than an ordinary share of attention. This was not owing however, either to superior talent, or deep and enlightened piety. It is rather to be attributed to the strange and dangerous views which he held, and the remarkable zeal which he displayed, in spreading startling doctrines. In an age when comparatively few ventured before the public in the character of authors, he made himself famous, by the number of his publications; and still more, by the strange, extravagant, absurd, and it may be added, blasphemous sentiments which his writings contained. His writings, however, would probably, have produced little effect, but for the extraordinary assiduity with which he laboured to bring them into notice, by his preaching.—Weak minds would soon have been lost in the mazes of absurdity and contradiction which they created—while the more intelligent would soon throw aside, in disgust, as undeserving of their attention. Being however possessed of a zeal which never flagged, and withal, distinguished by a boldness and fervour of spirit which seemed to betoken that he believed what he taught, he was not long in gaining over to his side a multitude of followers.

Perhaps the worst feature in the character and conduct of Henry Alline was the insatiable desire of breaking in upon settled congregations; and by fair words respecting his motives, as one who sought the spiritual welfare of his fellowmen, and very hard speeches against the ministers of settled congregations, leading the people to forsake their spiritual guides. No clergyman of any denomination, who opposed him in any way, seems to have escaped his fiery tongue. The seeds of division which he sowed seventy or eighty years ago, are still bearing their natural and bitter fruit. Schisms and separations, which then took place in christian churches, have not passed away with the people of that generation. Among thousands in the