

minent position in Her Majesty's Navy rendered it necessary to withdraw from active participation in a work which ever afforded him the highest satisfaction, and whose progress he watched with unabated interest.

* * * "He closed his earthly career after a brief illness, and at a season of life when his services were invested with special value to his country and the cause of Christian truth."

"ANOTHER NAME, although in a different relation, has often appeared in the pages of the *Monthly Reporter*,—that of Mrs. Bowen Thompson, of Beyrout. This excellent lady had devoted her life with unsparing self-denial and activity to the spiritual welfare of Syria, and the influence of her character and labours will long remain as a precious legacy to the classes she sought to benefit by her indefatigable exertions. The disinterested and purely benevolent nature of her work was recognized throughout the whole Lebanon district. The great object she had at heart was the promotion of education on Christian principles amongst the ignorant and degraded females of Syria, and in this cause she was content to spend and be spent. Her success was very remarkable, and she won the admiration and confidence of all by her enthusiastic and loving efforts. * * * * *

It became evident in the autumn that her strength, physical and mental, had been subjected to too severe a strain, and she expressed a desire to visit England, in the hope of being speedily recruited and able to return to her much loved occupation. She reached England somewhat improved by the voyage, but in a state of great feebleness. It was soon discovered that her constitution was fatally undermined, and that no prospect of ultimate recovery could be entertained. At one period of her illness she cherished the conviction that God graciously intended her to return to Syria, and this conviction was strengthened by a slight improvement in her state, and the knowledge that special prayer was being offered on her behalf. But the end hastened, and in little more than five week after she landed in England she was called to her heavenly rest. It may be truly said that great lamentation has been made over her. Thousands feel that they have lost a mother, a sister a friend, and can scarcely realize the agonizing thought that they shall see her face and hear her loving voice no more. She has left her memorial behind her in the institutions she has formed, and in the influence of a bright and beautiful example of burning zeal and Christian devotedness. It is a matter of thankfulness to know that the sister, (Mrs. M. Mott,) who has shared her labours in Syria, still remains to carry forward the work so happily and successfully commenced."

American.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

It is not the duty or intention of the Bible Society to intermeddle with questions foreign to the great object of its organization ; but it is our duty to point out reasons why the lovers of the Bible should be united in its wider and more rapid dissemination. One antidote for Bible rejection is Bible distribution.

"The Romish question has developed alarming proportions among us of late, and the nation is waking up as it never has before. The Convention took it up in earnest. *The Bible in our Common Schools* is only an item, an incident in the general issue. The true issue is between our public National or State school system and sectarian schools. If our public school system could be demolished, such a breach would be made in our walls as to admit