



## Obituary.

From the Sunday School Guardian.

GEORGE Y. TRILLER, of Hamilton.

George Young Triller was born in Hamilton, Gore District, C. W., on February 17th, 1832. He was a good natured boy, and so well conducted that he became a great favourite with all who knew him. From childhood he was affectionately attached to his beloved parents, and so uniformly obedient, that they do not remember his ever refusing to do anything which they requested. This is saying very much to his credit, because all children have naughty hearts which often leads to self-will and obstinacy in their conduct at home. But George was early taught the fear of God and the duty of filial obedience by his pious and kind parents. He was remarkably peaceable and gentle in his manners—never known to quarrel or fight, nor to resent any insults or ill-usage which bad boys might give him; but would quietly leave them and freely forgive and forget such conduct; not even complaining to his father, or showing the least disposition to retaliation, which is often manifested in many children who will return angry words, and even set on blows in cases of offence or supposed insult; but George was a very inoffensive and quiet boy, who knew it was wrong to indulge in such evil words and evil actions; and in this way he showed a more excellent spirit, and set a proper example of meekness in imitating his beloved Redeemer, "who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not." He attended different schools during five or six years; yet was never known to be guilty of anything for which he was either corrected, or detained in school as a punishment of the delinquency. All his teachers were much attached to him as a docile scholar both in the week day and Sabbath School; and his sociable manners made him a very agreeable companion with all the boys of his acquaintance which led many to court his friendship. In this way George had many young friends who were attached to him, and who felt much affected at his death, though they know he was a very good boy, and believe that he is gone to heaven. This is what all good children should try to be—kind and agreeable to each other, civil and obedient to all their teachers, and thus grow in "favour with God and man."

Endowed with a retentive memory and an intelligent mind, had he lived to maturity it was hoped that he would become a good and sensible member of civil society. He had made some progress in different branches of knowledge, and especially in arithmetic for which he had taken a great liking. These intellectual developments in connection with great moral worth led his admiring parents to anticipate an agreeable recompense for all their care and attention. Seeking to promote his religious interests, and bestowing every necessary effort to give him a good education they expected the blessing of God on their efforts, and hoped to see him rise to usefulness and happiness in the Church and the world; but alas! they have now to mourn over the loss of a truly affectionate and promising child, taken away no doubt "from the evil to come," yet with Job they feel their

"purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of the heart."

What increases the apparent severity of this afflictive event is the painful vacancy created in the family circle. George was the second of four children—all of whom are now dead. The parents deeply feel their loss; and, though labouring to subdue every murmuring thought, at the dispensations of heaven, yet they find this stroke press heavily on their hearts. They know all is well and wisely done by Almighty God; they sorrow not as those who have no hope; and, enjoying a measure of religious consolation are seeking a meeting for heaven, where they hope to meet all their children in "the inheritance of the saints in light."

When George went from home he was never rude; and though naturally confident and sedate, yet could make himself quite free and agreeable when necessary and proper. He was modest to his superiors, free with equals, and kind to all. His heart was very tender and liberal to the poor and distressed. He was a free-hearted boy; generous to his companions and considerate to servants. He would cheerfully part with anything he had to such as he thought had need. In this he manifested a goodness of heart and a benevolence of disposition, not often discovered so early in children, and which exhibited an excellence of character created alone by a proper religious training. From childhood he had a delicate constitution, and was subject to occasional affliction in the enlargement of the tonsil-glands, which induced the fear that his life would be short in this world. These painful apprehensions are now realized; George is gone after the other children, though he lived much longer than any of them, and his fond parents were anxious to raise him to manhood, and place him in the very comfortable circumstances which their ample means would have enabled them to do. Riches profit not in the day of death. Wealth, kind attention of friends and the most assiduous efforts of medical skill were all abortive, and the loved and endeared son is taken to the Paradise of God.

At Christmas he caught a very severe cold of which he was very unwell for a time, but had so far recovered as to be able to attend to school again. The last time he was from home was in attending a social tea-meeting in a small and crowded chapel. Being very much oppressed with heat he drank rather freely of cold water, and it is suspected that it produced an injurious effect on his delicate habit. A week afterwards he took a fresh cold, which brought on an attack of the remittent fever, under which he gradually sunk until death terminated his sufferings in this vale of tears. In the early stage of his sickness the medical attendant entertained strong hopes of his recovery, but the "chill" set in so strong with violent attacks during the return of the fever that he never seemed to even rally, baffling every effort which skillful experience and devoted attention could make to overcome it. During some of the paroxysms he suffered greatly from the determination of blood to the head, yet he bore all patiently and never complained of the severity of his pains or the distraction of a mind occasionally induced by the disorder of which he died. He was confined by his sickness two weeks and two days.

George was fully aware of his approaching dissolution, and of himself about making the necessary preparation. He manifested no alarm as the fear of death was removed by the light of grace revealed to his soul. He seemed to realize more than ordinary enjoyment in religious exercises. Prayer was his delight. He often repeated the Lord's prayer and displayed great resignation and calmness of mind. He could not converse much on account of the frequency and violence of the attacks, yet on

several occasions evinced that he was fully alive to the importance of divine and eternal things, and seeking earnestly a preparation for heaven.

One day when reminded of the impossibility of his recovery, and the improbability of ever enjoying a trip on the lake, which his kind father had promised to him during the next summer—he was asked, "George, would you rather live and enjoy the pleasures of the trip to Kingston, or would you prefer to die and go to heaven?" With cheerful readiness of mind he promptly replied, "I would rather go to heaven."

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