

WE have to record with deep regret the death of Principal D. Henry Burbidge, M. A., of the Morris street school, Halifax. He was one of the most valuable members of the teaching profession, both in the school-room and teachers' associations. Our readers will miss in him one of the most acceptable writers for the REVIEW. He was a native of Cornwallis, Kings Co., Nova Scotia, was a graduate of Mt. Allison College and held a Grade A certificate for Nova Scotia. He taught in several sections of the Atlantic Provinces—at Marysville, N. B.; Carbonear, Newfoundland; and in Hants and Queens Counties, N. S. For ten years he had been principal of the Morris street school, Halifax. Failing health obliged him to be absent from the Interprovincial Convention, for which, however, he contributed a paper.

The funeral of the deceased took place at Halifax, on the 11th of October, and was attended by a large number of prominent citizens and educationists. Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, paid a noble tribute to the integrity and self-sacrificing labors of the deceased, to whom he referred in substance as follows:

"A special sense of bereavement has fallen not only on all connected with the educational service in the city, but on many throughout the province, to whom our departed friend was known, and by whom he was highly esteemed in all the relations of life, personal and professional. * * * It is our satisfaction in this solemn hour that the term of life allotted the departed was not spent in idleness, but in honorable and well-directed industry, in the faithful improvement of opportunity, in self-sacrificing work for the good of others.

Few, if any present, have known the deceased as long as myself, few have watched his career with greater interest or greater satisfaction at the fidelity and success with which his various public engagements have been met. The impression produced on my own mind by that career, and I am sure, also, on the minds of all, particularly those of the successive generations of his pupils, was that of a faithful man, a man anxious to redeem to the very letter all his obligations of duty and service. One lesson—which many alas, do not need to learn—our friend never succeeded in learning, the art of taking things easy. Into the discharge of every duty he carried an exacting and scrupulous conscientiousness which added perhaps unnecessarily to the severity of life's burdens, and also, quite probably, shortened life itself. Our only regret is that the effects of this pardonable failing fell upon himself. As to his domestic virtues, his rectitude of principle, his simplicity of Christian character, there is no need that I should eulogize him on their account. He, himself, would not wish me to do so, if he had the disposal of the matter. But my relation to him will justify a word as to his professional zeal and reputation. Having selected one of the most laborious and responsible of human vocations, he determined to fit himself for achieving success in his chosen calling. For ten years he has gone in and out amongst us in a post requiring for its adequate occupancy, sound judgment, didactic skill, and unblemished purity of character. No teacher in Nova

Scotia was more solicitous for the legitimate exaltation of his profession, none in greater sympathy with all that is progressive in the methods and spirit of modern education. Our friend aimed high, worked hard, and accomplished much. It is only when we are thus surrounded by the morals of a well-spent life—a life projecting itself forward, and perpetuating its influences and its forces in the lives of others, that we realize the true import of those sublime words of Holy Scripture: 'Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth! Yea, saith the Spirit, they that may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.'

THE following books, printed in embossed point characters, have been recently added to the Free Circulating Library in connection with the Halifax School for the Blind:

Whittier's Poems (Selected); The Talisman; Ivanhoe; Macbeth; Hamlet; Merchant of Venice; Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, and Hymn Before Service; Our Father's Care, (Mrs. Sewell); Pilgrim's Progress; One Hundred Selected Texts; The Roman Emperors and Christianity; Migration of Races, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, and Lombards; Gay's Elegy and the Bard; Macaulay's Poems (Selected); Byron's Poems (Selected); Tennyson's Poems (Selected); Longfellow's Short Poems; There's Help at Hand, (Mrs. Sewell); Faithful Promiser; New Testament, 9 Vols.

These books are circulated among the graduates of the Institution in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland; they are also distributed to those persons who have lost their sight after having reached years of maturity, and who have learned to read at home. Many an hour that would otherwise be tedious has been pleasantly and profitably spent in the reading of these books, in some instances by persons upwards of sixty years of age.

The friends of the blind throughout the Maritime Provinces should keep this library in mind, and when its advantages can be extended to any person deprived of sight, an application should be mailed to the librarian of the Halifax School for the Blind, for a list of the books in the circulating library, and a copy of the regulations governing their distribution.

THE TEACHERS of the Victoria school, St. John, have formed themselves into an association called the "Victoria Reading Circle," for the purpose of improvement in professional and general literature. At the first of its fortnightly meetings Dr. J. G. Fitch's admirable lecture, on "Literature the Sunshine of a Busy Life," was read and discussed, officers appointed, and a general plan of work for the ensuing year adopted. At the second meeting a critical reading of Compayre's "History of Pedagogy" was begun; and in general literature Goldwin Smith's "Seven Lamps of Fiction," and portions of Sir Walter Scott's "Woodstock" were read.