

Obituary Notices. MRS. HANNAH M. SMITH, OF WINDSOR. The subject of this brief obituary notice, whose decease was some time since chronicled in the columns of the Provincial Wesleyan, but whose memory is entitled to a more extended notice, was the daughter of the late Lorain DeWolf, Esq. of Windsor; and whose character as a man, a legislator, and a Christian, an able, and it is believed, an accurate, sketch of which the Rev. R. M. Lewis, A. M., said to be the author—may be found in the Baptist magazine formerly published in Halifax. The reader of that memoir will learn that Mr. DeWolf was a convert of the erratic Henry Allen, of the precise character and extent of whose influence upon the religious interests of Nova Scotia the writer leaves it for those who are better informed, and better causers than himself, to determine. In the case of Mr. DeWolf, however, his labours were of real and permanent advantage, as his consistent life and holiness of spirit abundantly evidenced, till having reached a good old age, he passed away, and left in the person of his daughter, by whom he was long survived, their remained as an heritage, blending with all the milder graces of the female character, the same decided piety and excellence by which the father had been distinguished.

Hannah was born June 18th, 1793. Her earliest recollections were associated with the love of God and deterring her from the commission of many sins into which the young are apt to fall. It was not, however, until she was twenty-seven years of age, and after she had become the wife of Mr. George Smith, by whom she was blessed with a family of five children, that she surrendered herself fully to God, and obtained through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ a knowledge of salvation by the remission of his sins. In the accomplishment of this, her ever-memorable event, the then faithful Missionary, and now prominent Minister of the Rev. W. Burd (of the divine authority of whose evangelized ministrations Nova Scotia supplies more than a solitary seal) was the honoured instrument.

Immediately upon her conversion, Mrs. Smith united with the Methodist Church at Windsor, and for some time was so exceedingly happy in the love of God that she was often prevented from sleeping during the silent hours of night, and on more than one occasion she went forth to visit her friends before they had risen from their beds, to declare unto them what God had done for her soul. Thus it was that "God commanded upon her his loving kindness in the day time, and in the night his song was with her, and her prayer was unto the God of her life"; and if in after years the stream of joyous feeling became more tranquil and ceased its overflows, it nevertheless channelled to flow onward, deepening its channel as it advanced, until rushing past the boundaries of earth, it mingled with the "many waters," the voice of which is heard "before the throne."

Through all the years of her life it may be fairly assumed that Mrs. Smith's family cares were continually increasing, being the mother of ten living children when overtaken by her last sickness and death. The same maternal feeling which before had watched beside the cradle they had successively occupied, failed not to pursue those of them who had sought refuge in some neighbouring colony or republic, or in the search of riches; while she failed not to keep continual vigils over the remaining ones more immediately within her reach, beneath or beyond the time-worn roof of the home of infant years. But in domestic life she was not, like some, seeking hiding-places from the performance, or pretext, or neglect of Christian duties. Her Christianity was not a deformity;—in it every duty held its appropriate place; and exemplary as was her conduct in promoting the comfort of her husband and children—and could scarcely have been more so—it was no less exemplary in her attendance upon the public and social means of grace, to which toward the close of her earthly pilgrimage, she often urged her way when so enfeebled as to be obliged to linger on her bed till sufficiently recovered from her weariness to enable her to proceed. The language of her conduct in this particular was like the revival of the old prophet, the sweet singer of Israel: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts; my soul lengthen, yea even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God."

Not did she fail in her endeavours to obtain the necessary aliment to sustain her spiritual life; in "waiting upon the Lord she renewed her strength," and hence "she have found it good to be here," was her not unfeigned exclamation in the class in which she was accustomed to meet, and whose she weekly testified to the grace and faithfulness of her God; and the gentleness and uniform kindness of her manner toward her partner and children, the pleasure which kindled her eye at the entrance to her ever-welcome abode of her pastor and friends, together with the delight she invariably evinced in devotional singing and religious conversation, unmistakably indicated "that in the multitude of her thoughts toward the Lord, his mercies delighted her soul."

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At other times, when she suffered more intensely, she was heard to say: "Jesus, thou lover of my soul, I have found it good to be here, and I desire to die here, and that she desired to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." Her sufferings were protracted and severe, but they were endured "as seeing him who is invisible."

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Correspondence. [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Temperance Dinner at Wallace. MS. EDITOR.—Sir,—As this is the age of picnics, excursions, public dinners, &c., the Sons of Temperance of this vicinity felt that something of that description among them would have a tendency to promote the work of reform in which the Order is engaged, and give the brethren an opportunity of interchanging the greetings of an exalted friendship.

Preparations were accordingly made for a dinner to come off on Wednesday, 13th inst. At an early hour on that day, (which proved to be a very auspicious one,) the brethren, accompanied by the fair daughters of Acadia, whose presence upon such occasions is indispensable, began to assemble at the Temperance Hall, preparatory to commencing the exercises of the day.

According to the programme for the day a procession in carriages was formed, and the party drove out of the village a distance of seven miles, where they were met by a company of the respected brethren of Pugnash Division, who returned with them to the Hall.

The company, numbering between sixty and seventy, then formed in procession and marched to Mrs. Lacey's boarding-house, where a sumptuous repast awaited them. I dare not attempt to give a description of the dinner prepared for the occasion; suffice to say, that it excelled anything of the sort ever got up here previously, and gave unmistakable evidence of the ability of our worthy hostess in preparing public dinners.

After dining and an hour's intercourse with each other, in which time the prospects of the temperance cause in our Province, the repeal of the Prohibitory Liquor Law of New Brunswick, and various other topics were quietly discussed, the company again formed in procession and returned to the Hall, when it was announced that a public meeting would be held there in the evening. The company amused themselves in various ways until 7 o'clock, when a large and respectable audience assembled in the Hall, (the officers and members of the Order being clothed in appropriate regalia as they had been throughout the day,) where they were regaled intellectually with excellent addresses from Rev. Wm. McCarty, of Wallace, and Rev. Mr. Fosdy, of Pugnash; after which the company separated, all apparently highly pleased with the day's entertainment.

Yours, &c., S. F. H. WALLACE, Aug 21st, 1856.

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