

Committee on the 4th of May, 1852, but no action was taken on it at that time. On the 14th of May, however, it came up for discussion, and I find the following minute in reference to it:

"The letter of Mr. George N. Gordon was again read, when it was unanimously resolved—that the Committee do not feel themselves in a position to undertake the mission proposed in Mr. Gordon's letter,—they are willing to assist him by affording a supply of the Holy Scriptures, and they highly approve of the object contemplated."

I think that either on this occasion, or shortly after, I introduced Mr. Gordon to the members of the Committee, and I soon found that after a short conversation he had left the same impression upon them as he had upon me. Several of the prominent members of the Committee at once said, that though we could not as connected with the Bible Society promote his objects, yet there ought to be no difficulty in forming a separate organization and in appealing to the religious public for its support. This was the commencement of the Halifax City Mission which was formed in the summer of the same year, and of which Mr. Gordon was the first missionary.

I need not mention to you his self-denying labors and faithfulness in this work, nor the zeal with which he aided every good object, particularly the Young Men's Christian Association, in which he took a very active part;—these are known to you and to most members of the religious community of this city. Indeed, from the period I have just mentioned until the time he left our shores as an ordained missionary of the Cross, his life was almost a public one, and I can add but little to the record which you are so well able to give of his daily walk and conversation.

I could indeed give traits of his character which became more and more beautifully developed during his sojourn with us, and while I, with others, was permitted to enjoy his friendship, but I have not time to do so. I will, however, merely mention that very soon the somewhat rough and warm disciple ripened into the true Christian gentleman.

He fell at his post—the first Nova Scotian missionary martyr. The tidings caused a thrill of horror among all the Churches of our land, but we must all feel that this very event is only a more earnest appeal to every Christian to redouble his efforts for those who in the mysterious dispensation of Providence were permitted to become his murderers.

I remain, dear sir, yours very truly,

S. L. SHANNON.

Rev. R. Murray.

Commencing his labours as the first agent of the Halifax City Mission about the end of May 1852, he continued in the Mission two years. We do not hesitate to point to him as in many respects a model worker in this department. The scoff of the scorner, the sneer of the worldling, the galling condescension of the purse-proud, as well as the keen hatred of those who smote him with fist or club or with the slanderer's tongue, he knew how to endure with the courage and patience of a martyr. He feared nothing but sin. He shrank from no danger while in the discharge of duty.

Abundant as were his labours they were crowned with proportionate success. God smiled approvingly on his exertions and gave him "souls for his hire." During the first six months he visited *one thousand* families in the most dangerous and disreputable portions of the city—entered dens of iniquity, explored dark recesses of immorality which no minister of the Gospel had ever penetrated. He generally prayed and read the Scriptures in each house he visited. He established several prayer meetings in destitute localities, and originated one Ragged School. His representations regarding the moral condition of the city made a profound impression on the religious community, which is not yet obliterated; and the result is that three missionaries are now employed to carry on the work with which he was compelled to grapple single-