

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

DEATHS ON THE BRIDGE-TOWN CIRCUIT.

One of our families at Bentville, that of Mr. Ralph Bent, has lately been sadly afflicted and bereaved. During the past ten weeks, his whole family, numbering nine children, has been prostrated with that terrible scourge—diphtheria. Two beautiful girls have succumbed to the disease. Annie, aged nearly fifteen, was passionately fond of flowers, and delighted in the beauties of nature, but when called to leave them, she said that heaven was much better than them all. Her strong faith in Jesus, and rapture in the near approach to heaven, were the wonder and consolation of the mourning ones who stood round her dying bed. Edith, aged twelve years and ten months, loved Jesus too, and although she felt it hard to leave father and mother, brothers and sisters, yet she was willing; and when the summons came, even glad to go home with Jesus. What a blessed salvation is this, so simple that the children can understand and enjoy it, and yet so grand that it satisfies the longings of the most venerable and wise. On account of the contagious character of the disease, this stricken family has been to a large extent denied the expression of the deep sympathy which is felt for them, but they have been consoled by the presence of the friend that sticketh closer than a brother, who freely enters where man fears to go, where there are breaking hearts to comfort and his children are approaching the mystery of death.

Circumstances have prevented us sending at an earlier date, a notice of the death of the late

VALENTINE TROOP.

He died on the 10th and was buried on Sabbath, the 12th of June, at the age of 58 years. Although in failing health for some months, and in delicate health for years, his last illness was very brief, so brief that his death was a great surprise. He was a man very highly respected by all who knew him, and most by them who knew him best. An unusually large concourse of people testified their esteem by following his body to the grave. He was converted at the early age of sixteen, while visiting at Bear River, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. Smithson, and it gave him great happiness in a dying hour to be able to testify to his friends that, from the day of his conversion, he had never lost his peace with God. Being of a quiet and retiring nature he was very unobtrusive in his Christian life. He considered the profession of faith in Jesus a very sacred thing and was ever fearful lest he might say more than he should. Perhaps this trait of his character prevented him being as active in the Church as he might otherwise have been, but, as has been said, "thanksgiving is good but thanksgiving is better," and his living and his dying testified to the value and reality of religion. His life, both secular and religious, may well be described by the word peaceful. He was at peace both with man and God. He had part in the legacy which Jesus left his disciples, and after them, all true Christians: "Peace I leave unto you, my peace I give unto you," etc. Precious legacy, infinitely better than silver or gold, storehouses or lands. Brother Troop was a very diligent and prudent man, and proved the proverb—"The diligent hand maketh rich;" at the same time, being fervent in spirit, he was not poor towards God.

Brother T. leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn the loss of a loving husband and an indulgent father. Their sorrow is great, but so also is their consolation. The memory of his life, of the triumph of his death, the assurance that his God is their God, and that by and by he will bring them also with him to join in the blood wash'd throng; these surely are mercies which lighten the burden and give strength to bear it.

Another name may fitly follow this. One of my first duties on reaching this circuit a year ago was to bury

MR. ABNER BATH.

He died on Sabbath, July 11th, 1880, at the age of 55 years. He had been a great sufferer for years from that distressing malady—asthma. The nature of his disease, together with a naturally retiring disposition kept him very quiet. I had no personal acquaintance with him, but he left a good testimony behind him. He had given his heart to Jesus in earlier years, and having been made perfect through suffering, Jesus took him to that land where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Bro. Bath left a wife and large family to mourn their loss. He is not lost, he is only gone before, and his going has made heaven only the more attractive and desirable to them.

D. W. J.

Aug. 27, 1881.

MRS. CATHERINE HARRISON.

The beloved wife of Thos. Harrison, Sr., of Jerusalem, N. B. passed away on the 21st of July, after a very brief illness. She was the daughter of John and Annie Garvey, of Lancaster, N. B. Over fifty years ago, Miss Garvey was united in holy wedlock with Mr. Thos. Harrison. Over thirty ago the deceased joined the Methodist Church, from which time to the time of her death, she was a consistent member. Although a worthy member of the Church, yet, the sphere in which she was most extensively useful was the social circle. It may be said of her as of Dorcas, "This

woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did." The testimony is uniform as to her unremitting services in the sick room, and kindness to the suffering. She also seems to have taken special pleasure in anticipating and providing for the wants of the ministers of the Church of her choice. The hospitalities of her home have been enjoyed by many of the leading ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada; among others may be mentioned the names of Drs Wood, Rice, Knight, and Cooney. The Rev. D. D. Currie, who was intimately acquainted with the deceased during the three years he was on this circuit, has written a letter of condolence to Bro. Harrison which is a credit to the writer, a comfort to the bereaved, and a noble testimony to the merits of the deceased.

Mrs. Harrison has left a husband, four sons, and two daughters to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and kind mother. The bereaved family have the warmest sympathy of the entire community.

"The memory of the just is blessed." B. OPIE. Jerusalem, N. B., August 29, 1881.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHARLOTTETOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

There is nothing more popular amongst the young people of the Sunday-schools than their anniversary. It is talked about, and dreamed of and planned for, long before the day arrives, and many a "little one" worries about the weather, consulting the almanack, and even framing a petition in its childlike prayer, that the day may be propitious—and of course it generally is.

Those who are acquainted with the Charlottetown Methodist Sunday-school will understand something of the committées and consultations, and the wonderful array of agencies called into operation on such occasions to ensure success. And who would not covet the office of Superintendent, if it were only for the pleasure of having the sympathy and co-operation of a noble band of men and women intent on ministering to the happiness of the little ones upon their gala-day.

On Sabbath evening the 7th, August, according to announcement, the Annual sermon was preached by the Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M. A. from the text, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." The congregation was large, and the singing, conducted by the children, accompanied by the organ played by Miss Morris, and the cornet by Mr. Pope Fletcher, was exceedingly attractive. The sermon was a very happy one, full of earnestness, and unlike many preached on similar occasions could be understood and appreciated by the youngest scholar. A city paper, referring to the sermon says, "The discourse was singularly appropriate to the occasion; the preacher with earnest and tender affection holding the attention of the little ones until the close, when a few fatherly admonitions were given by that venerable clergyman—the Rev. F. Smallwood."

The following Wednesday, the day appointed for the annual picnic, was stormy, but on Thursday morning, nothing daunted by a cloudy sky and drizzling rain, there was a grand muster of the school under the superintendency of Messrs Silas Hodgson, L. Goff and R. K. Jost; and headed by the band of the 82nd Regiment, nearly 800 children carrying flags and banners, with their ministers and teachers, marched out to the beautiful grounds at Kensington, and had one of the most enjoyable times on record.

It required a large amount of faith and heroism to march such an army of children, three quarters of a mile into the country, under a threatening sky, and every blade of grass glistening with rain drops, but no sooner did they arrive upon the ground than patches of azure began to appear in the sombre heavens. Presently the clouds drifted away, and the green sod, like a beautiful carpet, was revealed in all directions with groups of happy boys and girls. After a beautiful tea and an afternoon of rare fun and frolic, there was a massing of forces in front of the Prince Street Church, when the band played "God save the Queen," followed by the Doxology, in which there was the lifting up of hundreds of children's voices, with a force and sweep of melody that it would be difficult to surpass.

God bless the children! And as often as the Sabbath day sounds upon the land, and boys and girls crowd into the schools prepared for them, let the Church see that her best talent is consecrated to the sacred work of their spiritual education.

MAUD H.

THE TRYON CIRCUIT.

DEAR EDITOR,—By request of friends, I send you the following in regard to the Tryon circuit.

The corner stone of the new Methodist church at Tryon, P. E. I., was laid August 11th, 1881, with imposing ceremonies, in presence of a large number of persons, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. The preliminary exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. S. Phinney, Superintendent of the circuit, in the Tryon Hall, erected some time ago, by the Hon. W. W. Lord, of Charlottetown, for the benefit of the many and not the few. It is a substantial testimony of that gentleman's love for the place of his activity. It will accommodate nearly three hundred people, and is appreciated by the public generally. During the time occupied in the erection of what will be one of the handsomest church edifices on the Island, the Hall was used

for Divine services. The exercises were of the usual order, in accordance with the "Discipline" of our Church.—The choir of the Tryon Methodist Church rendered efficient services, as did also the Sabbath school children on the occasion.

Several addresses were delivered in the Hall, before the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with. The first speaker was the Rev. W. Maggs, of Margate, who selected as his topic "The power of Christian union," and after his very practical speech, Rev. J. Pascoe, of the Newfoundland Conference, delivered a speech on the "Priesthood of God's people. His remarks in regard to Bro. Phinney's labors whilst in Newfoundland were very properly given, and kindly received. Rev. S. B. Ackman spoke in relation to the "Immovability of Christ, as the foundation of the Church of God," and enforced the necessity of unity in order to safety, usefulness and prosperity. Rev. Bro. Corey (Baptist) referred to the progress of Christianity, and to the duties of Christian people. Hon. W. W. Lord spoke briefly. He could remember the first Methodist preacher who preached Christ, to the people over seventy years ago, in his father's barn. The first Methodist church at Tryon was erected some little time previous to the year 1819, although the worship of God was conducted there as early as 1792, by the late John Lord, father of the Hon. W. W. Lord, and who generously gave the land for church and other purposes. This building was found to be too small as time advanced, and a new church was built on the same ground in 1839, the Centenary year of Methodism. For forty-two years the building has stood, the spiritual birth place of many souls, and now its place is being occupied by one of the most unique churches in the land. Its architecture and size I leave for other hands to furnish.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed by Mrs. W. W. Lord, wife of Hon. W. W. Lord. A considerable sum of money was laid by liberal hands upon the foundation stone, after which quite a number of friends, Artemas Lord, Esq, and his lady, the Hon. Mrs. Davies and other friends repaired to the parsonage, and partook of the dinner provided for them by Mrs. Phinney, and her amiable daughters. My remarks are already too lengthy, but I cannot forbear saying that in regard to the outcome at present, of the godly example of an earnest Christian, eternity only, when the Head of the Church shall reward the faithful, will reveal the benefits.

Yours truly,

S. R. A.

August 24, 1881.

AVONDALE CIRCUIT.

The Methodist Sabbath-school at Avondale held its annual picnic on the afternoon of the 1st instant, at the grounds of Bro. Andrew Wier. Our fears were not realized, though for a time the weather threatened rain, and both scholars, teachers and friends spent a most enjoyable time. Much credit is due to the wise forethought and care of those who had the affair in hand, nor less to the indispensable and heartily-acclaimed assistance of the ladies.

Our Quarterly Meeting was held on Tuesday evening 30th ult. Though the special business was by no means extensive, yet from the spirit, unanimity and despatch with which it was conducted it argued well for the development of strong and cordial relations between the pastor and his Official Board. We were favoured also by the presence and counsel of Bro. Brettie. His heart is still in the Master's work. Nor in this connection, must reference be omitted to the kindness experienced in the early part of July when we arrived on this circuit. Teams were in readiness at the Landing to convey us to the parsonage; with characteristic considerations every arrangement had been made for our comfort, while the kindly welcomes and greetings then bestowed, succeeded during these past weeks by practical evidences thereof, go a long way to insure ministerial relations with such a people of the most excellent and desirable description.

R. McA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

EMBALMED CORPSES AT KERBELA. Perhaps the strangest, and certainly the most ghastly, of all the items in Calcutta's enormous trade is the export of embalmed corpses to the Persian Gulf, for burial near the graves of Hussein and his brothers, the Prophet's grandsons, at Kerbela. A wealthy Mohammedan dies, and stipulates in his will that his surviving kinfolk ensure his migration to the Mussulman paradise, by having him buried at Kerbela. The body is disemboweled, salted, dried, and spiced, at a cost to the dead man's estate of several hundred rupees, and shipped off under a regular customs pass, in a tin-lined coffin; very often a heavy freight is charged upon the "sic uncanny" cargo.—Bombay Guardian.

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.—The Sydney Morning Herald says, Mr Jervaulx, the manager of the Orange Company's works had a narrow escape of being frozen to death one day lately. It appears that he went into a room to inspect some meat, when the pressure of the air closed the door on him. He was unable to force the door through the pressure, and called out for help, but the noise prevented his being heard. Luckily the machinery was stopped for the purpose of being oil, when the man at the desk heard Mr Jervaulx calling out, and at once rescued him from the freezing chamber, but not until he had been completely benumbed and partially stupefied by the effects of the cold.

BREVITIES.

The colleges are busy lettering great men, so that they can be identified if they go astray in the future.—Fond du Lac Reporter.

The sudden uncalled-for yell of the preacher waked a baby in its mother's arms, but did not emphasize any thing in particular.—Nash. Adv.

The man who cannot "do his best" except in the presence of an admiring crowd, has a false notion of what the best is.

The only form of oath among the Shoshone Indians is, "The earth hears me. The sun bears me. Shall I lie?"

Things have come to this pitch at Saratoga. The little dogs have fresh ribands twice a day, four meals, three naps, four baths, and a little nurse girl who, for a dollar a week, looks after them.

The wife of one of the oldest Senators at Washington lately remarked to him that his rheumatic attacks last winter had prevented his sharing the usual social festivities of the season. He answered, "I think I rather prefer the rheumatic."

The persistency with which English writers and printers cling to the vowel u, in such words as parlor and favor, was illustrated forcibly recently in the Bank of England, where a chanoery draft was refused payment, because, in stating that it was in favor of so and so, the drawer had spelt the word "favor" without a u.

The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plan, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

A stockbroker, returning to his office the other day, after a substantial luncheon with a client, said, complacently, to his head clerk: "Mr. Putkin, the world looks different to a man when he has a bottle of champagne in him." "Yes, sir," replied the clerk, significantly, "and he looks different to the world."

Dr. Beard says men are in their prime between 40 and 50, which he calls the golden age; the age from 30 to 30, the brazen age; 50 to 60, the iron age. The doctor claims men are at their best between 38 and 40, when enthusiasm and experience are evenly balanced. After that enthusiasm decreases, experience increases.

A correspondent of Zion's Herald, referring to a brief article on the use of the word "individual" in a former issue, writes that he once heard a preacher use the word seventy-two times, by actual count, in a single sermon. He cannot recall much about the sermon, but pleasantly adds that "it had a great deal of individuality about it."

A witty nobleman once asked a clerical gentleman at the bottom of the table why the geese, when there was one, was always placed next to the parson. "Really, my lord," said the clergyman, "your question is somewhat difficult to answer, and so remarkably odd that I vow I shall never see a goose again without being reminded of your lordship."

A great many people have adopted as their rule of general conduct the reasoning of the man who said that he never became a priest because he was afraid he might want some time to marry, and he never married because he was afraid he might some time want to become a priest. They live to the end of their days without doing any thing in particular, because they are always expecting to do something else.

The late George Barrow was a man of powerful frame and was six feet two in height without his shoes. Having been born at a period when pugilism was in vogue—it was one of his father's accomplishments—he was not slow to exercise his physical capabilities if the occasion required it. Lamenting, when he was verging toward sixty, that he was childish, he said very mournfully, "I shall soon not be able to knock a man down, and I have no son to do it for me."

"Gem'lon," said the old man as he got his legs under him, "pussion who labors under de ideah dat he am foolin' de world will sooner or later get de grand laff. A pussion can deceive de public for a few days or a few weeks, but as soon as de fraud am exposed he am a gone coon. You may stand your hats ober on your ears, hang out your brass watch-chains, an' puff away at your cheap cigars, but de majority of men will see right through you like a buzz saw chopping up cheese. What we am we am, an' let us bar in mind de solemn fact dat while skim milk has its value an' its uses, it won't make ice-cream or deceive the babies."

Mr. Carlyle happened to be present when a number of so-called philosophers and scientific men were airing their opinions. The theory of evolution had been asserted with much confidence; and under the supposition that he was a sympathizer, and not at all fettered by religious scruples, he was challenged to deliver his opinion as to Darwinism. Gathering himself up, and speaking in a tone that silenced laughter, Mr. Carlyle replied: "Gentlemen, you make man a little higher than the tadpoles. I hold him with the Prophet David—Thou maddest him a little lower than the angels."

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