

After they went home, they were taken to the country, all their books burnt and themselves closely watched, but still they could talk to each other in English on the great subject which engrossed their minds, even in the presence of their relatives.

Gobardhon was not so anxious as formerly for immediate baptism, as his brother begged for delay, and was unwilling to accompany him for the present. He appeared, however, to be as sincere as before, and, finding difficulty with his brother, resolved to leave him, and come to us himself on Wednesday the 24th inst., for baptism.

On that day, however, he did not make his appearance, and we have no means of knowing what it was that detained him.—Probably, indeed, until we return to Calcutta in February, we shall hear no more of him. But this brief glimpse has revived and deepened the interest which attaches to his case, and will, I trust, give fresh vigour and impulse to prayer in behalf of him and his brother.

Two more amiable and attractive youths I have rarely if ever seen.

Converts Promising.

Ram Chandra, one of the lately baptized converts, has gained four or five prizes, and is decidedly the best scholar in his class. He and his cousin Bhobun are not only good scholars, but humble and consistent Christians, and continue to give us great satisfaction.

I think of late that there is more spirituality of mind among our converts generally, and that nearly all are improving.

Pray for them and for us. Deeply do we all need such aid.

(From the *Canada Record*.)

THE LATE JAMES RAMSAY ORR, ESQ., MONTREAL.

When going to press we received a supplement to the *Montreal Witness*, announcing that this estimable gentleman and devoted Christian, had gone to his reward. We cannot do more at present than give the notice from the *Witness*.

On Tuesday, the 16th March, the gentleman above named departed this life, after a career of usefulness which has seldom been equalled, and perhaps never surpassed in Canada. For nearly twenty years, Mr. Orr carried on extensive mercantile transactions in this city, with unblemished integrity, remarkable ability and universal respect; and yet all the while was as laborious and useful in every religious and benevolent cause that claimed his aid, as if he had no other business to occupy his attention. His habits of industry and method, in fact, enabled him to do in his own person the work of two first class men, viz: an accomplished man of business, and an energetic and persevering philanthropist; and all this, with a bodily frame never very strong, and latterly very feeble.

Nor did he confine his exertions and means to every legitimate call that came upon him—he actually devised new ways of doing good, and called forth the energies and means of others to co-operate with his own. To such a character as this, we would earnestly ask the attention of young men, and especially young merchants, as a model worthy of close imitation. Never hurried, he went from one thing to another with method, punctuality, and a clear judgment, that accomplished results which less gifted men could scarcely understand. He was always active, and all that he did told with effect.—Merchants knew him for an able, diligent, and successful man of business, as well as a decidedly religious man, and therefore cannot excuse themselves for neglecting vital religion on the plea that it is incompatible with the claims of business. Mr. Orr was emphatically a Christian merchant, and it was, doubtless, in his prayerful Christian spirit that the secret of his great ability and usefulness lay.

Viewed as a religious man, Mr. Orr was a promoter, and, probably, at one time or other an active manager of all our religious societies; but the Bible Society, of which he was for many years Recording Secretary, the French Canadian Missionary Society, of which he was from the beginning one of the most active and liberal managers; and the late Mr. Osgood's efforts for the religious instruction of seamen, immigrants, and poor children, claimed his personal regard. He also, in some respects, fulfilled the work of a Tract Society, by importing and putting into circulation good books.

It was, however, in his private life, and as an elder in the Cote Street Church, that his religious character shone most brightly, but at these relations we may merely glance,— suffice it to say, that his minister, fellow elders, and Christian friends, will not easily, if ever, find his place filled up. Into his relations as a husband and parent, we do not enter, but they were as near an approach to the fulfilment of the injunctions of the New Testament, as the writer of this notice, who resided for years in his family, ever saw, or expects to see.

As a philanthropist, Mr. Orr was a warm and steady friend to, and diligent and liberal promoter of, the temperance cause, and other benevolent Societies; whilst no private opportunity was, it is believed, omitted to relieve real distress, or help forward real merit, though such charities were so numerous; and so carefully did he observe the Scripture rule respecting privacy, that each of his most intimate friends knew only a small part of them, and that only incidentally. As a patriot and citizen, Mr. Orr took a deep interest in every public improvement, and especially rendered most important services to Canada in encouraging by an extensive correspondence, a wholesome emigration, and, by his acquaintance with the