

the midst of his own family circle and have noticed his cheerful disposition and the happiness which he diffused around him, realize how faithfully he practised the precepts which he inculcated.

It was not my intention to write a biographical sketch of Mr. Garvie, even though I had the materials at hand. His life was an eventful one in many respects. Though visited with many afflictions, his hopeful, sanguine temperament was always looking on the bright side of life, and the delights he experienced in meditation and the study of nature with the surroundings of his quiet home, were unfailing sources of happiness.

Spending most of his boyish life in Scotland and among the most beautiful scenes of that romantic country, in a region bristling with historic reminiscences, it is not to be wondered at that even at an early age we find his imagination inspired with a lofty reverence for the grand and beautiful in nature, and his mind nourished with the rich historic lore of Scotia. At five years of age, he tells us that the grand problem of creation would arouse his curiosity, and lead him to reflect till his brain, wearied with the futile task, and burning with the unwonted strain, refused to pursue the investigation further, and he could only gain relief by rushing to the stream near at hand and cooling his aching brow in its grateful waters. His vivid imagination was directed aright by the care of his parents and by his elder brothers, and his quick and retentive memory made his mind a storehouse of valuable information gained by observation and reading. He delighted to travel, to visit scenes round which cluster reminiscences of other days. Of his trip to the Continent some years ago, with his mother and brother, he preserved minute recollections, and his impressions of those places visited were detailed in his writings and discourses with a brilliancy and vividness that few travellers acquire. His education begun in Scotland, had been finished at Dalhousie College, Halifax. While minister of the Presbyterian Church at Windsor and also at Chatham, he earned a high reputation as a pulpit orator. His sermons were always models of simple eloquence and unaffected piety, and as such were effective to all classes of hearers.

By all who have come in contact with him, Mr. Garvie will be remembered for his kindly and refined nature, his generous impulses and his warm and affectionate disposition, and I trust that ere long the essays and poems which from time to time came