

SLIPPING AWAY.

They are slipping away—These sweet, swift years, Like a leaf on the current cast; With never a break in their rapid flow, We watch them as one by one they go Into the beautiful past.

As silent and swift as a weaver's thread Or an arrow's flying gleam; As soft as the languor breeze hid, That lift the willow's long golden lid, And ripple the glassy stream.

As light as the breath of the thistle-down, As fond as a lover's dream; As pure as the flush in the sea-shell's throat, As sweet as the wood-bird's wooing note, So tender and sweet they seem.

One after another we see them pass, Down the dim lighted stair; We hear the sound of their steady tread In the steps of the centuries long since dead.

As beautiful and as fair, There are only a few years left to love; Shall we waste them in idle strife? Shall we trample under our ruthless feet Those beautiful blossoms rare and sweet, By the dusty way of life?

There are only a few swift years—ah, let No envious taunts be heard; Make life's fair pattern of rare design, And fill up the measure with love's sweet wine, But never an angry word!

—Selected.

OBITUARY.

MR. EDITOR.—Yesterday afternoon we committed to the grave the remains of your old friend EDWARD SHARP, of Carletonville. Two years since he was bereaved of his beloved partner, since that time he appeared to lose all interest in the things of the world, during the last few months his strength entirely failed him, although no special disease appeared to affect him. Through his illness he seemed to realize that his career would be short, he expressed himself as relying only on the atonement, and thus gradually until the afternoon of the 15th inst., when he calmly passed away we trust to be for ever with the Lord. A large congregation assembled to convey his remains to the tomb. Bro. Lucas who had come to attend a missionary meeting preached a very suitable sermon on the occasion. When we left him to rest in the grave until the morning of the resurrection.

In the evening we held a missionary meeting in the church at Carletonville. A large congregation assembled, very interesting addresses were delivered by the brethren Betts, Lucas and R. Tweedie, in which the congregation seemed to be deeply interested. We hope the financial results will be quite equal to last year. The depression in business has a very serious effect upon the interests of our church in this place.

Death continues to do his work in this locality. On the 15th inst., we committed to the grave the remains of Mrs. M. Millan, whom you may have known in other days. Thus one generation passes away while others come on the stage. May these changes lead us to number our days and apply our hearts unto wisdom.

We are this week, with the assistance of Bro. R. Tweedie, holding a few special meetings in the church at Mill Stream, which we hope may benefit the people. What we need is a baptism of the Holy Ghost. May the spirit of burning fall upon us. W. TWEEDIE, Mill Stream, Feb. 19, 1880.

AVERAGING THINGS WITH THE LORD. There is a great truth, very clearly and pointedly put, in the following incident.

A man who prided himself on his morality and expected to be saved by it, was constantly saying, "I am doing pretty well on the whole. I sometimes get mad, and swear, but then I am perfectly honest. I work on the Sabbath when I am particularly busy; but I give a good deal to the poor, and I never was drunk in my life." This man hired a canny Scotchman to build a fence around his pasture lot. He gave him very particular directions. In the evening, when the Scotchman came from his work, the man said:

"Well, Jock, is the fence built, and is it tight and strong?" "I canna say it is all tight and strong," Jock replied, "but it's a good average fence, anyhow. If some parts are a little weak, other parts are extra strong. I don't know but I left a little gap here and there, a yard or so wide; but then I made up for it by doubling the rails on each side of the gap. I dare say the cattle will find it a good fence, on the whole, and will like it, though I canna just say that it is perfect in every part."

"What!" cried the man, not seeing the point; "do you tell me that you built a fence around my lot with weak places and gaps in it? Why, you might as well have built no fence at all! If there is one opening, or a place where an opening can be made, the cattle will be sure to find it, and will go through. Don't you know, man, that a fence must be perfect or it is worthless?"

"I used to think so," replied the dry Scotchman, "but I hear you talk so much about averaging matters with the Lord, it seemed to me we might try it with the cattle. If an average fence will not do for them, I am afraid an average character will not do in the day of judgment."

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