

3. That the Conference desires to express its sympathy with the relief of the late Mr. Allison in her mournful bereavement, and offers its fervent prayers that the consolations of Divine grace may be abundantly vouchsafed to herself and daughter from Him who is a "father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow." And it further directs that a copy of the above Resolutions be conveyed from the Conference to Mrs. Allison.

4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., Principal of the Male Department—under whose judicious management and untiring labors for so many years, that Branch of the Institution has been brought into a state of great efficiency,—for his continued and successful services during the past year.

5. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. Allison, B. A., Principal of the Female Academy, and to his estimable lady, Mrs. Allison, B. A., the Preceptress,—under whose united auspices this department has been raised to its present high position—for the indefatigable manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them during the last year.

6. The Conference would again embrace the opportunity of recommending these Institutions to the patronage of all those within its bounds who have the care of the rising generation. The results already achieved, by the blessing of God, are such as to warrant the confidence of parents and guardians, who may desire for their youthful charge an education at once comprehensive, economical, and religious. These advantages, it is believed, can nowhere be better, if so well, secured as at the Mount Allison Academy, Sackville.

TRIBUTE

TO THE MEMORY OF CHARLES F. ALLISON, ESQ.

(By a former Student.)

Farewell our friend! thy life hath left
Its peaceful impress on our heart;
Severed from thee, yet not bereft,
We claim with joy the nobler part.

In all thy willing hands have done
Thou livest still; thou canst not die,—
For though thy earthly course is run
Thou art enshrined in memory.

The tears of sorrow that we shed
Are not the tears of sad unrest,
But heart-felt tributes of the dead,
Who "sleeps in Jesus and is blest."

We think of thee as now thou art—
So blessed, joyous, and so free;
Enjoying still "that better part"
Throughout thine immortality.

Thy tranquil smile doth cheer us yet,
Thy gentle voice retains its power;
On earth alone thy sun has set,
In heaven it is thy morning hour.

OBITUARY.

EDMUND S. EVANS.

In the *Christian Guardian* of the 24th inst., the following notice appears under the heading "Deaths":

"By drowning, at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, Nov. 5th, Edmund Stoney Evans, the only son of E. Evans, D. D."

The particulars of this sad event, so far as they can be known, are given in a letter written by the Rev. A. Browning, and published in the above-named paper; it is dated Victoria, Nov. 7, 1859. The following extract from it will be read with melancholy interest:—

"The son, the only son, of our dear friend and brother, Dr. Evans, is no more. He left us on Saturday afternoon last for the purpose of duck-shooting, and on Sabbath morning was brought home a corpse. In leaving on Saturday, he told me of his having shot two ducks, which the receding tide prevented his obtaining. His non-return at dinner time caused us a little uneasiness, and later in the evening we became seriously alarmed. Many of our Canadian friends spent the night in searching for the lost one, but until half-past eight on Sabbath morning were unsuccessful. At that time his clothes were discovered lying on a rock below high-water mark, his gun (discharged) resting on them. Procuring a boat and grapnels, we obtained his body a few yards from the shore, lying on its face, the hands resting across the heart, as if placed there under the influence of devotion. A dead duck lying in shore seems to prove that in endeavoring to secure his prize he lost his life.

"You can well conceive the sorrowing state of the dear family who have thus lost an only son and brother. By the last mail came to them news of the death of a beloved mother and grandmother. Acknowledgments of this fact to friends in Canada will be coupled with a declaration sadder still. This foundation work, my dear brother, is testing work; and when with it is mingled bereavements of no common order, it would but for the grace of God, be intolerable.

"The deceased was my dear friend. I saw him first at Ebenezer Camp Meeting, and then commenced a friendship broken off now but to be renewed in eternity. I knew he was pious and pure, and I loved him for his simplicity and guilelessness. From almost the first hour of his missing I felt convinced of his death, and only searched for his body. From the bow of the boat I caught sight of his dear remains, and as I held his head on our return home, I thought will not our dear friends in Canada weep with us in our deep sorrow. The same boat that conveyed us from the vessel's side when first we came here, conveyed his lifeless body to the same harbor and to the same pier. We could not see it then; had it been so, we should have sunk beneath it.

"His death was sudden, and we were unprepared to sustain it. He died young—the youthful and promising are ever beloved. We are in a strange land; he was one of us; with him we left Canada, and met the perils of our long journey; and to lose him so soon and so sudden is a great grief. But mercy is mingled with bereavement. We know he is gone to be with God, and that He who brought us here hath taken him home. We have his body; suspense as to his fate would have been ruinous. Although far from home we have sympathising friends; and above all these we have the sweet presence of a precious Saviour. His funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon; his funeral sermon will be preached next Sunday evening, (D. V.) In his capacity as treasury clerk our deceased brother was much valued. The Colonial Treasurer has written an autograph letter to the father, and the Treasury of these colonies will be closed on the afternoon of his interment."

This promising young man who was thus suddenly called from time to eternity was a Student in this Institution five years, from 1852 to 1857. Hundreds who knew him will mourn his early death; for he endeared himself to all his Teachers and fellow Students by the exceeding amiability of his disposition and the gentlemanly courtesy of his demeanor. He was esteemed by all as a youth of good natural talent, cultivated taste, highly respectable literary attainments, and excellent general character. He accompanied his father and family in their removal to Canada in the summer of 1857, and thence to Vancouver's Island in the early part of last winter.

In that far distant land of strangers, his death so sudden and in a manner so unexpected, must be felt by the excellent parents and only sister a blow well nigh crushing. May God who alone can comfort in such distress be to them a very present help in this time of their deep affliction, is, we are sure, the earnest prayer of very many of their friends in these Atlantic Provinces of the British Empire.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LATE C. F. ALLISON, ESQ.

A supply of good full-length Photographic likenesses of this distinguished Philanthropist has been obtained from England, at a large expense. These may be purchased at 5s. each, either from Rev. Charles Churchill, A. M., at the Wesleyan Book Room in Halifax, or from Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., at the Academy.

We advise former Students who had the privilege of knowing Mr. Allison to promptly improve this opportunity of obtaining so striking a memento of a man of such pre-eminent excellence.