

however dear to me still the names of Jost, Cook, Hart, Scott, David Dobson, and others who have removed from Guysboro'; I feel that I am now placed in the very heart of friendship and brotherly love. As to the piety of this Church, the majority of five hundred and twenty-five members are walking daily in the fear of God, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. Many of them profess to be seeking the blessing of perfect love. May they be baptized with the Holy Ghost "not many days hence."

As to their hospitality and kindness to the inmates of the Mission House, I question if they can be surpassed. As to Financial Affairs, it will be very pleasing to the General Superintendent of the District, and to their old Methodist friend, the Rev. W. Wilson, to learn that the leaders are nobly carrying out the spirit of "The Circular." These things, in conjunction with the tireless labours of our kind and very attentive Circuit Steward, S. FULTON, Esq., who studies to save the Preacher from all "worldly care," render Wallace as blessed and as happy a field of labour as any Wesleyan Minister can desire to enter. May the Lord God of their Fathers make them a thousand times as many more as they are, and bless them according as He hath promised them.

R. SMITH.
Wallace, Dec. 24th, 1851.

For the Wesleyan.

A Painful Visitation.

A very fatal epidemic disease, in the form of scarlet fever, prevails at Advocate Harbour, which is a part of my Circuit. Its ravages are principally among the children, and hitherto has only been fatal to them.

On Saturday last, I hurried to the scene of sorrow to commit to the "narrow house" the earthly remains of one whose spirit had departed. It was touching to hear the cries of the afflicted parents; yet, as I looked upon the face of the little "sleeper," I could not help thinking on the lines of our own poet,—

"Ah! lovely appearance of death,
What sight upon earth is so fair?"

On Sabbath evening, it became my painful duty to improve the death of three beloved children, by a discourse from Jer. xxxi. 15; and, melancholy to relate, before the sermon was concluded, the father, who was already mourning the loss of one, was called from the Chapel to witness the departure of another child.

After service, I repaired to the "house of mourning," where I found a literal fulfilment of the text—"Rachel" was indeed "weeping for her children, and refused to be comforted, because they were not." And still the "destroyer" is doing his work.

O, how true is the sentiment of Job—"Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble; he cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down, he fleeth as it were a shadow and continueth not." Consider this, ye that forget God! Your days are swifter than a "weaver's shuttle," and are spent "without hope." O that the unconverted would "be wise for themselves," and immediately "prepare to meet their God," for—

"A point of time, a moment's space,
Removes us to that heavenly place,
Or shuts us up in hell."

The parents who have been bereaved, have a powerful motive afforded them to "work out their own salvation with fear and trembling." Their children are in glory; they are with Christ. To part with them on earth, is a trial; but to be separated from them for ever, would be misery indeed. Therefore labour that you may be found of him in peace." If faithful to God and your own souls, you will soon meet your little ones in the happy land, where sorrow and sighing are done away. That God may comfort and support the afflicted parents, and that he may sanctify the dispensations of his providence to the good of all is the sincere prayer of

Yours, &c., T. GAETZ.

Parrsboro, January 1st, 1852.

Obituary Notices.

For the Wesleyan.

James Alfred Robinson, of Windsor.

This dear brother has been called suddenly from amongst us,—doubtless to rest in Jesus. He was son of the late Edward and Mary Robinson of Annapolis, both of whom died in the Lord. Our dear departed brother was born on the 9th of October, 1797, and removed to Windsor about thirty-five years ago, where he experienced religion during a revival under the Rev. Mr. BURR. Subsequently there was a declension of spiritual life in his soul, but during the ministry of the Rev. Father STRONG on this Circuit, our brother was again united to the people of God; and has since given evidence by a holy walk and conversation, that, through faith in our Redeemer's atonement, he was made heir of the promise given to our fathers.

Of brother Robinson, during the time of his religious profession, it might with truth-

fulness have been said, "Behold an Israelite indeed." Simple in manner, and devotedly attached to the cause of Christ, he was ever at his post; and his tearful and faithful prayers are doubtless registered in the archives of eternity.

On the evening previous to our dear brother's death, his voice of praise and supplication mingled with ours within the sanctuary. The following morning, (Saturday 27th inst.) he enjoyed his usual health, and after commending himself and his family to the God of Israel, proceeded with his son to the woods in search of "hooping poles." They had been absent but a short time, when the latter returning to the road where he had left his father, found him lying upon the ground, quite insensible, and in a moment or two he had ceased to breathe. Assistance was speedily procured, and his remains were conveyed home to his afflicted family; who to-day indeed sorrow, but not as those without hope, the widowed mother, and fatherless children comforting themselves by the word of the Lord—that "them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

Our dear brother has often spoken of his readiness to meet death. It came unexpectedly. There were no "wearisome days" or "nights of tossing" appointed to him. There were no affectionate friends near to soothe the sinking spirit,—and no weeping children to receive the latest benedictions. The "earth born pilgrim's God" had reserved for him a sudden transit; and the messenger was love.

"Yes, he has run his weary race,
Trampled his adversary down;
He now has reached his resting place,
And gained an ever blooming crown.
No more will tears bedim his eyes,
He breathes no more the breath of care;
There is a world beyond the skies,
And he is there."

F. W. MOORE.

Windsor, December 29, 1851.

For the Wesleyan.

Isaac G. Enslow, of Shelburne.

Died at Shelburne on the 8th of November, Mr. Isaac G. Enslow, one of the loyalists, who sought refuge in Shelburne from the Americans during the struggle for independence. Mr. Enslow was made a partaker of Divine grace when a young man, and, being associated with the Calvinistic Baptists, imbibed their sentiments; but upon reading the writings of Walter Selton became a convert to Arminian sentiments, and connected himself with the Wesleyan Church; within whose pale he continued until his death. His house was always a home for the preachers who visited the place, with whom he took delightful enjoyment. During his vigorous days he rendered valuable assistance in conducting public and social prayer meetings; and, in his days of age and infirmity, cheered by his conversation many a desponding heart. His last illness was cheered by the comforting presence of his Lord. A few hours previous to his departure, he took an affectionate leave of his family, after which distinct utterance failed him. He continued to give evident tokens of his peace in Jesus, until his happy spirit was disencumbered of its clay, to be with God in Christ eternally shut in.

J. S.

THE WESLEYAN.

Halifax, Saturday Morning, January 10, 1852.

To make room for original communications, and the intelligence by the R. M. Steamer, we have been induced to withhold our leading editorial this week. Our readers, we think, will find this an interesting number.

The brethren who have been so zealously engaged in contributing to our columns, and procuring for us new subscribers, have our special thanks. We bespeak the continuance of their highly appreciated efforts. We have extra copies from the beginning of the year on hand, and will be glad to furnish them to new subscribers. From some of our brethren in New Brunswick we have heard nothing since this volume commenced. We hope their interest in *The Wesleyan* still continues.

What Signs of Prosperity?

Our brethren in the Provincial work, we are persuaded, are laboriously occupying themselves

in prosecuting the objects of their high and glorious calling; and from intelligence occasionally received, not without some encouraging tokens of success. The preaching of the gospel in its spirituality and purity, is the grand instrument ordained by God, its author and end, to recover fallen man to the divine favour and image, and raise him morally and intellectually in the scale of being. The scheme of mercy is amply sustained by external and internal evidences of its heavenly origin; and every instance of the conversion of a sinner from the error of his way, is a further corroborative testimony of its celestial descent, confirmatory of our faith and confidence, and appealing with power to the understandings and consciences of all who are still unsaved. We rejoice in these multiplied proofs of the potency of the gospel to save, and of its adaptation to meet the spiritual exigencies of every child of man; and our chief desire is, that these may be increased a thousand fold in every land.

We naturally feel a peculiar interest in the progress of the work of God at home, whilst we sincerely rejoice at its advancement abroad. What, then, brethren, are the signs of spiritual prosperity in the various portions of your extensive fields of labour? That you are not spending your strength for naught, we firmly believe; but it would send the thrill of gladness through many hearts, were we able, through your communications, to report gracious revivals of religion in your respective charges. We trust the winter will not pass away without renewed tokens of the abundant favour of God towards our Church, wherever its Ministers and its members are co-operating by faith and prayer, and the manifestation of truth, to promote the good of Zion.

Extract of a letter from Rev. W. C. Beals to the General Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions in N. S., dated Amherst, Dec. 17, 1851:

"There has been a gracious revival of religion at West Brook. Twenty-four persons have joined the Wesleyan Church since the work began. Three Sabbath ago I baptized seven adults and two children, and expect to administer that rite to some others, on my next visit to that place."

The Treasurers of the Wesleyan Super-numeraries' and Ministers' Widows' Fund gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following sums, viz:—

Halifax Circuit—Public Collections, £4 1s. 11½d.; Rev. F. W. Moore, £7 10s.

Soiree.

The Soiree given to the Military Temperance men in Temperance Hall on Wednesday evening by the Sons of Temperance, was one of the most interesting occasions that have been witnessed here for a long time. The number present was 200, one half of whom were the invited guests. The scene viewed from the gallery was certainly a fine one. From thence could be well seen the varied uniforms of the Military, with the mixture of civilians—the well-supplied tables,—the decorations of evergreens, and banners,—all combined producing a very pleasing appearance—while the cheerfulness and order that reigned over the whole throughout the evening, gave testimony to the effect, that enjoyment does not depend on the exciting cup, and that harmony and propriety are best maintained where judgment retains her empire in the mind, unswayed to any extent by the tumultuous jollity of inebriation.

The chair was occupied by W. L. Bell, Esq., W.P. of Athenaeum Division—near him sat Hon. H. Bell, Judge Marshall, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Hon. J. W. Johnston, Hon. S. Croelman, Mr. Alderman Noble, and many other highly respectable and active friends of the Temperance cause. Brother Saffrey presided at the Piano, and accompanied Brother Ackhurst and others in the pieces they sang during the evening.

The speeches were not brought down to the level of an ordinary merry-making, but led the mind to improving and sacred themes—Hon. Messrs. Bell and Johnston, Rev. P. G. McGregor, and Mr. C. Robson occupied the floor, in turn—Mr. Otto Weeks Jr., gave an excellent recitation, and the intervals were occupied with music. Two of the Military guests sang very effectively, and all the proceedings of the evening were hearty, kind, and good. Each one present felt that he was closing the year in an improving way, and a recollection of those few hours must ever prove a pleasing reminiscence.

One gratifying feature of the evening was the approval manifested by Major Cumberland, commanding officer of H. M. 42nd Royal Highlanders, who during the last hour of the meeting, was with Capt. Drummond in the gallery viewing the scene below. The closing speech of Hon. Mr. Johnston, and three times three hearty cheers for the Queen, terminated the proceedings most delightfully.

Thus the Sons of Temperance extended a social, and it may be said a helping hand to their military Brethren; leading them with words of kindness and friendly encouragement, safely through the hour of danger—for it is well known that the customs of the olden time exercise a powerful influence, and the altars of Bacchus, on a New Year's eve, are thronged with devotees—and when good is to be done, or evil to be prevented, vigilance and activity must be vigorously exercised.—*Athenæum*, 7th.

Interesting Correspondence.

The following correspondence between Mr. J. Shields, Quarter Master Sergeant 42nd Royal Highlanders, and the Rev. P. G. McGregor, President Halifax Temperance Society, has been handed us for publication:—

Halifax, N. S., 5th January, 1852.

REV. SIR,—The enclosed sum of £6 8s. 9d. I beg you will accept from some of the non-commissioned officers and men of the 42nd Royal Highlanders as a donation to the funds of the Halifax Temperance Society.

The hearty desire evinced by yourself and others connected with the Society over which you have the honour to preside, for the welfare of the Soldier, has induced this expression of their regard for the cause you advocate; and those who now contribute towards it this small offering, would also make grateful acknowledgement for the kind attentions received.

I have the honour to be,
Reverend Sir,
Your most ob'd't, humble servant,
J. SHIELDS,
Qr. Mr. Serg't 42nd R. H.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor,
President of H. T. S.

Halifax, January 5, 1852.

SIR,—The success of the friends of Temperance in the City in enlisting so many supporters of the Total Abstinence principle among the non-commissioned officers and men of the 42nd Regt. Royal Highlanders, is more than a sufficient reward for any exertions made or attention shown. The gift which you have now placed in my hands, affords another evidence that these attentions are more than appreciated. Please to assure those who have contributed, that this sum is thankfully received, and will be sacredly applied to advance the Cause which I trust will be ever dear to us all.

I am, Your's respectfully,
P. G. MCGREGOR,
President of the H. T. S.

To J. SHIELDS,
Quarter Master Sergeant of the 42nd R. H.

We are truly glad to learn, that only one man of the 42nd Royal Highlanders was put in confinement on New Year's Day for being intoxicated. This is unprecedented in the Garrison—New Year's Day is a dangerous time to those who have been brought up in the habit of social drinking which has characterized the sons of Auld Scotia in time past; and in a community like this, where so many reside in the neighbourhood of the Barracks who are licensed to decoy and kill, the above named fact is indeed worthy of being recorded.—*Id.*

We direct attention to an Advertisement of *The American Temperance Life Insurance Company*, on our 8th page, of which J. Burton Esq., of this City, is Agent. After extensive enquiry and careful examination, it has been ascertained, that persons practising total abstinence can be safely assured for Twenty-five per cent. less than others who follow the drinking customs of the day, owing to the beneficial effects of Temperance on health and life. In other Companies, both classes are mixed up, and Temperance persons have to pay premiums, at the rate common to those who drink intoxicating liquors. The American Temperance Life Insurance Company proposes to correct this disadvantage, and to give Temperance persons the full benefit of their abstinence habits; and, doubtless, they will avail themselves of this opportunity of insuring their lives, and those of their friends, at a reduced rate of premiums, with the prospect of participating in all the profits that may accrue, after the actual expenses are provided for.—*Id.*