

"As men with axes hew down trees,
That on the hills do grow ;
So shine the *bills* and *swords* of these,
Within thy temple now."

In all collections, whether original or selected, such odd specimens will at times occur. Witness a stanza from the collection used in the "Congregational Churches of Scotland," a very good work of the kind, only injured somewhat in this very relation, by its rigidly historical and systematic plan.

"Like Samson, when his hair was lost,
Met the Philistines to his cost ;
Shook his weak limbs in sad surprise,
Made feeble fight, and lost his eyes."

Mr. Editor, I wish not to disturb your readers in their delectable emotions. Adieu.

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THE LATE JAMES A. SMITH, ESQ.

Many of our readers, especially among our ministers, were well acquainted with Mr. Smith. His kind, obliging, and singularly guileless character gained for him many friends. Mr. Smith was born in Banffshire, Scotland, and was educated at King's College, Aberdeen, having gone through a complete course in Arts. His scholarship was good, and his talents considerable. When quite young, he became assistant master in the parish school of Macduff; and afterwards, as master, continued, till the disruption in 1843, most efficiently and beneficently to discharge his duties as teacher and elder in the parish. He was a friend of the poor, indeed, and among the few who at that time were known, in that region, as evangelical, and bent on reform in Temperance matters. His principles led him to fall in at once with the non-intrusion party, and accordingly he was ejected from the school. Not liking the claim of the Free Church to state endowments, he joined an Independent Church. In 1845, he came to America, and taught a classical academy at College Hill, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; then he taught in Walworth Academy, near Rochester, N.Y.; and came to Toronto, to teach in the Toronto Academy, in 1851. When that institution was closed, he still continued to keep the boarding-house of Knox College and, as tutor, to give instruction to the junior students. During the last few years, he lived in retirement, and died, rather suddenly, of paralysis, on January 2nd., 1867.

Mr. Smith was connected with the First Congregational Church, in Toronto, and was of great service as a deacon there. His sympathies were ever on the side of liberty, general education, and all efforts at social reform, even to an extent that may be termed radical. To the Presbyterian Church, he rendered much valuable service; which, though not much noticed, still is bearing fruit: "He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him."

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