

flows through thee with half such sweetness and obedience? and, if it does not, then, Who is the hinderer? Is God faithless; or is it a truth that the dumb, inanimate creation is actually eloquent with ceaseless hallelujahs, whilst thy praises are all too scant and intermittent? It is even so! Well, if you are a sincere and earnest Teacher, it needs be so no longer. Alter your policy. You have been working hitherto, let God work now. Try nature's plan, and be more passive. Your human activity helps to hinder the full flow of the Divine activity. If you had greater *spirituality*, greater meekness, greater Christ-likeness, God would work through you to more advantage. Lean less on systems and methods, lean less on commentaries and cyclopædias, lean less on attention and attendance, lean less on thine own ability and labour, and lean infinitely more on God's Spirit and God's Word. Preface every duty with prayer. Rehearse every duty on your knees. Visit on your knees, and study on your knees, and catechise on your knees; and, ere long, you will become a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Only try the meek, kneeling, trusting plan of Christ, and you will soon forget such things as failure and discouragement. Keep your poor human efforts in abeyance. Content yourself to be an *instrument*, when it is God who means to use you. You know not what heavenly music He is waiting to raise within thy soul when thou art thoroughly spiritualized and sanctified. The Great God would be the worker then, and the New Song with which He would surround thy being would not only waken thee with the beauty of its holiness, but thy heedless brothers and sisters would feel it trembling in holy whispers through their hearts also, and they would rouse themselves to bear thee company.

NO TEARS IN HEAVEN.

O happy, happy country! where
There entereth not a sin:
And Death, who keeps its portals fair,
May never once come in.
No grief can change their day to night;
The darkness of that land is light:
Sorrow and sighing God has sent
Far thence to endless banishment.
And never more may one dark tear
Bedim their burning skies;
For every one they shed while here
In fearful agonies
Glitters a bright and dazzling gem
In their immortal diadem.

C. BOWLES.

THOUGHTS FOR THE AFFLICTED.

[From the *Edinburgh Christian Magazine*.]

(1.) Understand that a *living personal God* is dealing with you in this trial, whatever it be; that you have not to do with chance, or with dead mechanical laws, but with a Person who is acting towards you more really than your mother ever did during those unconscious hours of infancy when she carried you in her arms, guided your tottering steps, or trained you up, ministering to your wants each day according to your need.

(2.) It is a condition, essential to your receiving any good or comfort, that you meet with your spirit this "Father of your spirit." To refuse to think of Him, or to pray to Him, or to seek even to know what particular teaching He may have for you in the trial—to lose faith in His presence and wisdom, or in the sincerity of His love to yourself—to shut yourself up in the pride and unbelief of your own hearts,—this is death and misery! On the other hand to open your whole soul to God in love and reverence, to pour out your hearts before Him, to hear Him, commune with Him as a Sovereign Lord and most tender Father,—this is peace. Do not

think that *patience* and stoical submission are what God is seeking for *their own sake*. The only real value of patience is to enable you to meet God; the only submission that will bring a blessing is submission to be taught by God.

(3.) Think calmly and patiently upon *God Himself* as revealed in Christ, for he who sees Him sees the Father, and think of His relationship to you. Whether you see it or not, believe it or not, it is nevertheless true that the great God, the maker of the heavens and of the earth, is your Maker, Preserver, Benefactor, Redeemer; that He knows you personally as no one else can do, and comprehends your whole life, with its every thought, word and action, since you existed; that He sees you now, and searches into the most hidden depths of your being, understanding your sins, temptations, difficulties, and sorrows, and knowing perfectly what you have been, what you are, what you wish, what you require. Whither can you flee from His presence!

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF J. McINTYRE, Esq.

It is with extreme regret we have to announce the death of our respected townsman, John McIntyre, Esq., agent of the Bank of Montreal in this town, which event took place on Friday last, the 16th inst. Mr. McIntyre was a native of Scotland, emigrated to this country with his parents, when quite young, and was 36 years of age at the time of his death. He took the degree of A. B. at the University of Queen's College, Kingston, and was afterwards appointed teacher of the Grammar School in this town, and, when that School was united with the Common School, he was appointed Principal of the Perth Public School, in which situation he continued till 1853, discharging his duties in a manner highly creditable to himself and satisfactory to the public. In January, 1854, he was appointed agent of the Bank of Montreal in this town, where his gentlemanly and obliging deportment won for him the confidence and esteem of all who had business transactions with the Bank, while his business talent and good management soon created a large and flourishing business, and rendered the agency one of the best paying in Upper Canada. In January last ill health compelled him to resign the duties of his office. He was respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances to deplore his loss. The funeral took place on Monday last, and was attended by a large and respectable assemblage, and the shops were closed as the procession passed, as a last token of respect to his remains.

Mr. McIntyre, whose lamented death is mentioned in the above obituary notice, copied from the *Perth Courier*, was for several years an elder of St. Andrew's Church, Perth.

All who knew the deceased will cordially join in the high but just testimony borne to his worth in the above notice. In all the relationships of life, private and public, secular and ecclesiastical, he was most exemplary and esteemed. Of him it may be truly said, "He adorned the doctrines of the Gospel." A man of avowed faith and piety, cheerful, meek, and humble, affectionate and kind towards relatives and friends, conscientious, just, and upright in all his business transactions, affable and obliging, his life was at once a practical exhibition and a winning commendation of the graces and virtues of the Gospel.

He was an intelligent and attached member of our Church, and a much respected and useful office-bearer in the congregation within whose bounds he resided. He was a teacher in the Sabbath School while his health permitted, and a warm friend and liberal contributor to the various missionary and benevolent schemes in which the Church is engaged.

For years of a delicate constitution, he was for the last four or five months confined, for the most part, to bed by the disease which proved the termination of his active and useful life upon earth. His protracted illness, frequently and especially towards the close of it attended with considerable bodily sufferings, he bore not merely with resignation to the will of his Heavenly Father, but with cheerful, grateful acquiescence of spirit in the all-wise and gracious disposals of his providence. Possessed of an assured interest in his covenant Saviour, he contemplated the approach of death with serene complacency, and on the morning of the 16th inst. sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

"The righteous hath hope in his death."
"The memory of the just is blessed." "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord, from henceforth; yeas saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

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