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CHARACTER OF THE LATE MRS. WILSON, OF BOMBAY.

[FOR THE CANADIAN CHRISTIAN EXAMINER.]

Mrs. Wilson was the wife of Dr. Wilson, of Bombay, and the daughter of the late Rev. Kenneth Bayne, of Greenock, in Scotland.—Her life, which has been written by her husband, is a noble tribute to the memory of one of the best of wives. It is not, however, our intention at present, for reasons which it is not necessary to state, to give anything like a full review of this work. Suffice it to say, that the memoir is written with ability. The materials are arranged with much ingenuity. The style is simple, clear and energetic. The work has been so favorably received in Europe, that it has already gone through several editions.—We regret that it is as yet but little known in America. One main object of this article is, to induce persons of taste and piety, to become possessed of a work replete with instruction, and which cannot fail in affording to such, the richest gratification. We hardly know any book that can be read with greater advantage by those already engaged in missionary labor, or such as are looking forward to this sacred employment. All female missionaries ought to read the memoir with the greatest care. To such it is literally invaluable. For next to the character of their Divine Master, and his immediate Apostles, we do not know what character, in the whole range of Church History, they can study with more advantage than that of Mrs. Wilson. Christian Missionaries, distinguished for their piety and their labors have, in several instances, contributed by their bright example, to revive religion through-

out the visible Church. In this way they have possibly been as great benefactors to the Christian as to the heathen world. There can be no question that the memoirs of Branerd and Martyn have tended to purify and warm many hearts,—have excited professors of religion to greater diligence and self-denial, and have contributed in no small degree in forming the character of not a few who have become useful ministers at home, or valuable missionaries of the cross in heathen lands. The amount of good which eminent christians are the means of accomplishing, is not to be measured by the mere product of their actual labor. Their career may be short, or the difficulties which they have to encounter may be such as to prevent them achieving much; but their patience, faith, love, self-denial and perseverance, may in their short career have been vividly brought into view, and these graces may just have been the more strikingly displayed by the very difficulties which embarrassed and retarded them in their work, and which not unfrequently rendered their labors abortive in the eyes of those who do not see the end from the beginning. It was not so, however; they lived to God, and though dead, they yet speak, and the lessons they utter are invaluable to the christian world.

We shall merely attempt a few strictures on the character of Mrs. Wilson. These, although imperfect, may afford some pleasure to such as love to contemplate the finer specimens of christian and intellectual worth.

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