

REVIVALS OF RELIGION are reported from many parts. A more general and extensive work than that of last year is reported throughout the United States, as succeeding the Week of Prayer. In Edinburgh especially, as well as in other parts of Scotland, a remarkable work of grace has attended the labours of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, of Chicago, the former preaching the gospel, and the latter singing the gospel with great point and power. Not only are the meetings attended by crowds that evince great interest in their spiritual condition, but very many, embracing all classes, have been brought to Christ.

“A GOOD MINISTER OF JESUS CHRIST”

is the subject of a tractate of thirty pages, written by the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, of Toronto. It was recently read before the members of the Middle Association, and printed at their request, some of those present assisting to defray the expense. This should be sufficient for our readers both as endorsement and commendation. The subject is treated with the usual clear and pointed style of the writer; and though the principal points fairly cover the ground considered, some of these would bear expansion. The mechanical execution of this work is by no means in keeping with the merit of the subject or its treatment, and the printer has acted wisely in withholding his *imprimatur*.

“THE REV. THOMAS BINNEY”, Rev.

Robert Ashton writes, “is gradually sinking. He may linger days or weeks, but apparently his work is done. He suffers comparatively little; his state of mind in the prospect of death, is calm and assuring: he grasps the essential verities of

the gospel with greater interest and tenacity than he ever did. he feels their power and preciousness now in the hours of weariness and exhaustion, as he never felt or preached them before. His God is truly with him in the ‘valley of the shadow of death.’”

THE REV. PHILLIP SHANKS died in Queensland, Australia, on the 1st of November, 1873. He finished his studies in the Congregational College, B.N.A., in 1856, and was for a number of years pastor of the churches at Sarnia and Lanark. Since then he has been exercising his ministry in Australia. A letter from his sister conveyed the tidings of his death to the people of his former pastorate, and on the 15th ult., the Rev. J. Brown preached a sermon from the appropriate text, Acts xi, 24: “He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and faith.”

MRS. CHARLES P. WATSON of Cowansville, we regret to say, died of consumption on February the 2nd. She was sister of the late Rev. Charles Campbell of Philadelphia. This last and saddest bereavement follows very soon after the death of our Brother's amiable and eldest daughter, Florence. May the sympathizing Saviour, and the Holy Comforter support His servant under his severe sorrow.

THE EPISCOPAL METHODISTS advertised the Brantford District Ministerial Association to be held in Mount Elgin on the 11th ult. *Twenty-one essays* were indicated as the order list, embracing subjects from the “creation,” down to the “doctrines to the Plymouth Brethren.”