

don magazine, we were so impressed with its beauty and pathos, and fervid religious spirit, that we resolved to share the pleasure and profit of its perusal with the readers of this Magazine. As the story was published anonymously, we could not credit it to its real author. We have since learned that it is the work of Richard Rowe, the son of a Wesleyan minister, who was also the author of the "Episodes in an Obscure Life," and "Odd Characters," so well known to many of our readers. The accomplished author recently died under painful circumstances in a London hospital. He was afflicted with a cancer in the mouth, and after setting his worldly affairs in order, he went to a hospital for its treatment, but in a few days died. He leaves, we learn, his family slenderly provided for, and his publishers, Messrs. Strahan & Co., have opened a subscription on their behalf. The readers of his books who wish to express substantially their gratitude for the pleasure and profit they have derived therefrom may remit to his English publishers; or any sums entrusted to the Editor of this Magazine will be duly acknowledged and forwarded. Mr. Percival Bunting writes an admirable introduction to his last story, which is very highly commended by the English press, as will be seen in the following extracts.

Of this remarkable tale the London *Watchman* says:—"The book throughout palpitates with genuine old Methodist experience and feeling. We have been unable to read it, except with moistened eyes and deeply moved heart. It brings all the glow and love and gladness of primitive Methodism most vividly to our conscience. It would do the younger Methodists of the present generation no little good to ponder these pages, and to drink in the feeling which they so skilfully represent. Few who begin the book will lay it down till they have read it through."

The *Methodist Recorder* says:—"This is a charming book, written with an exquisite art which looks

like artlessness, and with an amazing faculty of minute observation. It tells, with painful accuracy, much of the persecution upon which ordinary chronicles are silent, but which not a few of the early Methodists had to endure, and it breathes throughout the spirit which becomes a follower of Christ."

Britain's Future Corn Supply: Foreign or Canadian. By ROBT. WILKES (late member of the Dominion Parliament). Toronto: Hunter, Rose & Co., and all booksellers.

In this able pamphlet Mr. Wilkes discusses the problems of the Development of our North-west Territory, and the Corn Supply of the British people. He shows that Britⁿ is dependent for food chiefly upon the United States and Russia, which countries might possibly become hostile. He shows, also, by copious evidence the exhaustless fertility of our new territories, and urges the investment of British capital and labour in the development of our own territory, so as to secure limitless resources of food supply. He concludes his eloquent pamphlet, whose perusal cannot fail to stir the patriotic pulses in the heart of every reader, as follows:

"Here, then, is a great opportunity for English statesmen. By a moderate investment they can inaugurate a system that will furnish desirable employment to a large section of their own people; and that, in a few years, will produce from British soil, breadstuffs, provisions and cattle enough to support Britain's utmost necessities, and make her mistress of the food markets of the world.

"Britain can thus relieve herself from dependence, either in time of war or peace, on hostile or rival nations. She can witness in one generation the unprecedented growth of a prosperous and loyal people sprung from her own loins, and enjoying the legitimate development of her own institutions. She can thus span the American Continent, and afterwards girdle the earth with a chain of British peoples, speaking