

For the Visitor.

JEHOVAH—JIREH.

Lift up thy head, dejected one,
 Hope, to thy faint heart, say,
 Thy cares, like clouds that shade the Sun,
 Shall quickly pass away !
 Trust thou in His, who, all thy life,
 Hath been thy guard and guide,—
 Though want may frown upon thy path,
 God will, for thee, provide.

The flow'ret of the shady dell,
 Is nourished by this care ;
 He feeds the birds, whose voices swell,
 Upon the summer air :
 And if the beast, his hands hath made,
 Have thus their wants supplied,—
 Thou, surely, need'st not doubt or fear,
 God will, for thee, provide.

HE will provide, who causeth showers
 Upon the earth to fall ;
 Who with impartial goodness pours,
 His glorious light on all ;
 Who formed the flocks that dot the hills,
 The cedars in their pride,
 And who for all His creature's cares,—
 God, will for thee provide.

Then, though Adversity's chill blast,
 Be howling round thy cot ;
 Though Poverty a shadow cast,
 Upon thy humble lot,—
 Thou, calmly, with thine eye upraised,
 Still in this hope abide,—
 Through all the chequered scenes of life,
 God will, for thee, provide.

SARAH.

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THE VISITOR.

HALIFAX, N. S.

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 26, 1842.

MISSION.—We feel much pleasure in having to announce, that the Rev. Mr. Knowlan has been engaged for another six months tour. Much good has been experienced in this manner, and much more may be expected. The Society has prospects of being able to meet all demands, by ordinary receipts ; if they should be disappointed, a little extra exertion in collecting contributions will, no doubt, make up deficiencies. The mission is in the cause of Temperance and general morality ; how insignificant, comparatively, is a little trouble and expense, if such a cause may be forwarded. We are all erring creatures ; each has, more or less, sins of omission and commission to acknowledge and lament ; but by co-operation such as this Mission gives opportunity for, each may have the honour of being an instrument of much good. The mite should be given with a good will and a pure motive, and it will be doubly efficacious ; it will bless in the giving and the expending. Mr. Knowlan has been very acceptable as a Missionary, where he has already visited. His experience, zeal, good temper, conciliatory

manner, and general information, give him unusual qualifications as the representative of a most charitable cause. We hope that the other missionary—Rev. Mr. M^cDonald, from whom a letter appears in our present number—is similarly acceptable in the sphere of his operations ; but we have not the same means of judging as of the gentleman before mentioned, who is to resume his exertions early next month. May the labours of both be eminently rewarded.

One defect appears to mark the Halifax Temperance Society. It seems not adequately organized. The names of members are enrolled, members take out medals, but no continuous sign of association is provided. Most Societies expect some small periodic contribution from members, as an acknowledgment of membership, and as the legitimate means of accumulating a fund for purposes of the general body. St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society has a "Benefit" Treasury formed by monthly contributions of 7½d. a quarter, beside incidental collections for current expenses. A trifling contribution of 3d. or 4d. a month, from the members of the Halifax Temperance Society would form a very efficient fund. Thus, embarrassment would often be prevented, as regards hire of places of meeting, payment of Lecturers, and other desirable expenditures.

The Temperance Pledge is a mode of economy, as well as of other virtues. It would seem uncharitable to suppose that any who have felt what they and the world at large owe to the cause, and the good which yet remains for its advocates to perform, would grudge the small steady contribution to which we have alluded. Instead of this, it would be more reasonable to suppose, that a pleasure would be taken in the regular avowal of Temperance principles, which the contribution would include,—and in the exercise of the privilege, the luxury, of doing much good, by a most light individual exertion ;—as the tender rain of heaven, drop by drop, refreshes and invigorates the soil, and causes the most substantial of earthly riches.

Great care, of course, should be observed, in the expenditure of any such fund. The management should be of the most cautious and open character,—direct, and simple, and self-explainable at a glance.

The Halifax Temperance Society have frequently been under obligations to the owner of the Garrison Chapel, for the use of that Building. A more central place of meeting, particularly in unfavourable weather, would be very desirable. A Temperance Hall, perhaps, may be yet among our public buildings.

The Proprietor of the Visitor has issued several numbers of the Paper. It is far from being all that could be desired, or all that a little time may make it ; but for improvement, and for mere existence, increased patronage is essential. The price is very low, and requires a large circulation to save from loss. If nurtured now, it will, doubtless, become a more valuable means of information, and a bond of union between the Societies.

☞ A Temperance Meeting will be held in the Garrison Chapel, on Friday evening next, at 7½ o'clock.—A Lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Knowlan.