

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

REST AT LAST. Rest weary feet, that slow and halting tread... Blessed the dead who, dying in the Lord, rest from their labors.

MRS. ALEX. McDONALD.

It is only a short time since the WESLEYAN chronicled the death of the best supporter of our church on this circuit, and now it becomes our sad duty to record the departure of one of the best workers, taken from our small membership by the same cold hand.

MRS. ELKANAH HARVIE.

Margaret, the beloved wife of Mr. Elkanah Harvie, of Avondale, was born in the township of Newport during the earlier part of the century. As a student of Provincial Methodism she was fully aware, this locality was early favored with the ministrations of its first laborer.

RACHEL STAPLES.

Died at Belmont, Ohio circuit, on December 23 d., 1881. Rachel, beloved wife of John Staples, aged 72 years. Sister Staples suffered long; but having previously committed herself fully to Jesus she bore her affliction with Christian meekness and submission.

COMMUNICATED.

THE LATE DR. J. M. CRAMP.

Once during my course of study at the College in Wolfville, and twice during a visit home in the summer of 1880, I had what I will always consider the rare privilege of conversation with the late Dr. Cramp. How I remember the old man sitting in his easy chair in the sombre light of his study— a thousand tones of the learned dead looking down upon us.

He spoke of his library, of how much it had cost him, and of the pleasure it afforded. Dr. Cramp had one of the largest private libraries in the Maritime Provinces, and in works in Church History there were few, if any, in the Dominion that excelled it.

He gave his opinion on the Church-ness. The Roman was not a Church at all in the proper sense. In a few years the English Church would be broken up into fragments. The elements of disintegration were in it and it would soon become a thing of the past.

On Oct. 26th, 1881, her ransomed spirit took its flight, and "absent from the body," she was "present with the Lord." R. McA.

terpet the historic facts, especially those facts pertaining to the early ages, in a different way. It will be seen that Dr. Cramp's views as to the succession of the Baptist Churches from the time of the Apostles, while they seem to agree with those of Dr. Graves and a few of the more radical Baptist writers, are out of accord with those of many scholars.

But when, as in some of his works, the earnest and cheerful spirit of the Christian and Bible student is allowed to breathe itself out untinged by theological pre-possessions, we have a higher and more enjoyable feast. His Paul and Christ: A Study and a Portrait (1873) is one of the most delightful books it has ever been my privilege to read.

Dr. Cramp was an able and learned representative of the Post Reformation School, the school of Haldane, and Gill and Gausson, and D'Aubigné, and Miller and Scott, a school in which most of the leaders in the so-called Evangelical Churches during the past generations have been found.

Wanted.—A modern young lady's forehead. The editor, not having seen one for several years, is willing to pay a fair price for a glimpse of the genuine article. No banded or otherwise mutilated specimens wanted.—Cleveland Sun.

Our Missionary meetings were held on Sabbath, 27th Nov., the deputation, consisting of the brethren S. F. Hoessie and W. Ryan, rendered, most effective aid. The services of the day closed with a meeting in the evening of great excellence, and we have reason to believe that the Avondale circuit will stand well on the Missionary lists this year.

On Christmas Day our pulpits were ably filled by Dr. Stewart of Sackville, and on Tuesday evening the Educational interests of the Church were favorably presented, in a speech replete with information and power. We trust that the result has been a deepened interest in this special department of our work.

According to the British statistics the enormous number of two thousand and thirty-nine shipwrecks took place throughout the world in 1881, or on an average, six a day. The value of property lost is estimated at one thousand four hundred million dollars.

one hundred and thirty-four persons, which include fifteen seamen and passengers. Great Britain was of course the severest sufferer, more than one thousand of her vessels having been destroyed, nearly two hundred of which were steamers.

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The celebrated Dr. Depmoulin, being surrounded in his last moments by many of his fellow physicians who deplored their loss, said to them: "Gentlemen, I leave behind me three great physicians." Every one, thinking himself to be one of the three, pressed him to name them, upon which he replied, "Cleanliness, exercise, and moderation in eating."

On a Sunday, when the pastor of one of the leading Presbyterian Churches was absent from his pulpit, several persons expressed dissatisfaction at seeing a stranger in the pulpit, and one lady said she would not have come if she had known that Dr. — was not going to preach. An elder standing near very promptly replied: "Madam, the worship of Dr. — will be resumed next Sabbath."

In some parts of Texas where church-bells are rarely heard, because the people are too poor to buy one, the sexton calls the congregation with a big hickory club. When it is time for "the meetin' to take on," he seizes his stick, and going to the side of the church (but more often the school-house) he strikes with all his might, making the old boards rattle and ring for a long distance around.

The French soldiers in Tunis were presented with little pieces of metal on which their names were engraved, to be fastened to strings worn around their necks. The soldiers were told that these tags would enable the survivors to identify the bodies of those who should fall in battle.

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