

removal is, therefore, to it and to them an irreparable loss. The feeling of sadness and anxiety induced by this event must, therefore, with those who understand the matter, be altogether other than an evanescent one. But although we are sure that we shall everywhere find many to sympathize with us in our abiding sorrow as we think of the deep affliction which befall us and the Institution when its Father was taken from us, we think it more becoming for us to ask them to rejoice with us in gratefully acknowledging how much he was allowed to accomplish for it whilst he yet lived. Nearly nineteen years were added to his life after he had formed the noble design of founding such an Institution, and during all these years he labored and studied and prayed for its prosperity as its Father only could do.

The value of the services which he rendered to the Institution, "not grudgingly, as of necessity," but ever most cheerfully, and, be it remembered, entirely gratuitously, can not be estimated, it can scarcely be overestimated;—probably if an accurate account had been kept of them, charging for each item its fair business value, they would be found to amount to scarcely less than the sum of his princely money benefactions to the founding and establishing of the Institution. Certainly it may well be questioned whether the devotion of twice the six or seven thousand pounds which he gave would, without such personal attention or services, have secured the establishment of such an Institution as he has left to perpetuate the blessed memory of his name.

We devote a large portion of this enlarged number of the *Gazette* to articles relating to Mr. Allison, which we wished to collect and publish together. The Discourse which commences on the fifth page was prepared amidst the pressure of other official duties, which did not allow of any attempt at literary excellence or rhetorical finish. The author will be more than satisfied if its unadorned statement of what he regards as important truth shall lend any one of those at whose request it was prepared, and to whom it was delivered, to an earnest persistent imitation of the noble man whose character it so imperfectly exhibits.

The communication which follows it, from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Knight, was probably not designed for publication, but as it was prepared to aid us in presenting the life and character of our deceased friend for the admiration and imitation of the Students, we take the liberty of giving it to them in printed form, that they may have the better opportunity for most carefully marking the graphic reminiscences which it embodies.

We wish that we had room to republish the whole of the eloquent funeral sermon which was preached by the Rev. J. R. Narraway, A.M.; the text is Numbers xxiii. 10. After an introduction of singular beauty the preacher says: "Let us then enquire, by way of improving the heart-chastening event which has summoned an overwhelming crowd within these walls to-day, *What these features are in the death of a servant of God, which render it the just object of desire to reflecting man?*"

"Of whatsoever character these features may prove to be, *they lie not in any exemption from the pains, the separations, the physical degradations, generally connected with death.*" These being established he then proceeds to show that "the death of the righteous is safe, always and everywhere safe;—timely;—triumphant under all circumstances; and generally peaceful, sometimes joyful." Each of these points is elucidated in a very striking manner, and then comes the admirable peroration which we have, with the consent of the author, given as an extract in a previous column.

The following article appeared as an editorial in the *Borderer* of Nov. 26th, 1858:—

"Our sheet this week appears in mourning because we are called to record the death of one whose removal is indeed a public loss, and one, too, of no ordinary magnitude. Almost every individual in our community feels the death of Charles F. Allison as a public bereavement. But far beyond the circle of personal acquaintanceship, everywhere throughout these lower British American Colonies, Mr. Allison's name has been known, and his influence felt, as the most munificent public benefactor who has yet arisen in these Provinces to bless his country and benefit the world. Mr. Allison, was a native of Cornwallis, N. S., but

came to this place when a young man, A. D. 1816, and here carried on, in connection with his partner, the late Hon. Wm. Crane, an extensive business until 1840.

"In all his business transactions he was remarkable for diligence, promptitude, prudence, punctuality and rigid honesty. He did not make haste to be rich by embarking in any rash speculation, being doubtlessly more inclined to the safe than to the rapid mode of acquiring wealth. He was, however, very successful, so that when some twenty-five years since he was led to the more earnest consideration of the fundamental doctrine of the Christian system of practical ethics—"Ye are not your own, but bought with a price," &c., he found himself in possession of a considerable amount of property, of which he evidently, thenceforward to the end of his life, considered himself but the steward; and as such he was eminently wise and faithful, so that, we doubt not, he has been greeted by his Divine Master with the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

"A large portion of the last eighteen or twenty years of his life was most unostentatiously employed in works of different kinds, altogether unselfish. The noble Educational Institutions which he founded, and which he has so largely helped to build up to their present state of pre-eminent usefulness, have occupied a great deal of his time and attention—for he not only cheerfully paid six thousand pounds and upwards to ensure their establishment, but without fee or reward discharged the onerous duty of Treasurer, and watched and labored with parental kindness, solicitude and devotion, to promote their prosperity. These, we believe, will long stand, monuments of the wisdom as well as of the benevolence of the Christian Patriot and Philanthropist.

"We have not room to enlarge upon the modesty, gentleness, affability, and other traits of character, which so endeared him to all who had the privilege of his personal acquaintance. Nor yet can we speak of the many ways in which his quiet influence will be so much missed in our neighborhood. *He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.*"

"His remains were interred on Tuesday last. The immense concourse of people in attendance, from far and near, indicated the high estimation in which he was held. We should be glad to see the eloquent Sermon, which was preached by the Rev. Mr. Narraway, in print, and we hope that the Rev. Dr. Pickard will comply with the request which has been made, we understand, as well by the relatives of the deceased as by the Students, to prepare and deliver a discourse embodying "A Sketch of his Life and a Portrait of his Character." Everything possible should be done to celebrate the virtues and perpetuate the memory of such a man, and to extend the influence of his example."

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Board called for the purpose of "considering what measure commemorative of the Founder of the Institution should be adopted by the Board," and held in Lingley Hall, Jan'y., 6th, 1859, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas God has been pleased in His all-wise Providence to remove from "the Church below to the Church above" our most highly esteemed co-trustee, friend and brother,—the Founder and Treasurer of the Academy, the Board of Trustees would take this earliest opportunity afforded to place upon record some expression, inadequate though it must be, of its united sentiments in view of an event so calamitous to the Institution whose interests it is the duty of the Board to conserve, Therefore, *Unanimously Resolved,*

1. That although we are deeply conscious that the Academy has sustained an irreparable loss in the decease of Charles F. Allison, Esq.; and although the remembrance that his work on earth is done,—that the invaluable services which as Treasurer, Chairman of Building, Furnishing and Executive Committees, and indeed the ever active Father of the Institution, he has been wont ever so cheerfully to render, have now ceased; and that the Board can no more hope to be aided in its deliberations by his eminently sage counsels, induces a feeling of sadness almost overwhelming; yet the Board would recognise as ground for profound gratitude to Him "without whom *nothing is wise, nothing good,*" the magnitude of the work which our departed Brother was allowed and enabled so wisely to undertake and successfully to accomplish in founding and so essentially helping to build up to its present eminently prosperous condition THE MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN ACADEMY, in its two affiliated Branches.

2. That this Board would convey to Mrs. Allison and her orphan daughter the assurance of our deepest sympathy, and that it is our prayer that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may fulfil to them His own gracious word, "a Judge of the widow and a Father of the fatherless is God in His own holy habitation," and thus sustain them under their irretrievable bereavement. It is a great satisfaction to the