

The Family

KING ALCOHOL.

The history of King Alcohol is a history of shame and corruption, of cruelty, crime, rage and ruin. He has taken the glory of health from the cheek, and placed there the reddish hue of the wine...

AN ECUMENICAL SOCIETY.

The National Division of the Sons of Temperance held their annual meeting in this city last week. It was a large and influential meeting. Over one hundred and fifty delegates were present...

A noticeable peculiarity of the order of the Sons of Temperance, is that they began in the United States, and have extended over Canada, into Great Britain and Australia...

RUNNING IN DEBT.

There are a large class in this world who regularly discount the future, and consequently lead harassed, miserable lives. Their heads are never above water, and they are consequently never happy...

Beware of the butcher or baker who is more than willing to charge you purchases.

Depend upon it, he is conspiring against your independence as well as your money. "A man," wrote Bacon, "ought warily to begin charges which exercise a healthy resolution, to avoid incurring the first obligation; but the facility with which that has been incurred often becomes a temptation to a second, and very soon the unfortunate borrower becomes so entangled that no late exertion of industry can set him free."

DIED SUDDENLY.

Died suddenly! How often these solemn words meet our gaze in the newspapers! 1. Is your business in such shape that if you should die to-night it might be settled by your survivors without unnecessary loss to your estate?

THE WOOD-SLED.

One winter evening, not long since, I went to call upon a neighbor who was in very feeble health, and in whom I had taken a great interest. She was a simple and humble Christian woman who manifested great patience through her sickness, though she enjoyed but few of the comforts, and none of the luxuries, which an abundance of this world's goods can bestow.

After making a very pleasant call, I bade my friends good evening, and on my way home I thought, "Here is the secret of the happiness of this unpretending couple. They are dependent upon each other for all their comforts and pleasures; and in their simple way, they enjoy life, because they do not go beyond their own limited home circle for all their enjoyment."

A PRINTER'S OPINION OF HIMSELF.—The foreman of a printing office out West, who had been left in charge of a weekly paper, while the proprietor was enjoying a jaunt with his brethren of the press, thus announces the fact: "The editor of this journal being absent accounts for the improved appearance of the paper, and the higher order of talent exhibited in its columns." The foreman was discharged.

Obituary.

Mr. David P. Wolpeter was born April 22nd 1803, in the city of St. John. When eight years old the family removed to Fredericton, and from thence to Richmond; where he remained during his life. From the earliest days of reason, he was the subject of religious impressions; so deep was the conviction of his sinfulness, that he was almost afraid he would never find mercy. Had any one acquainted with his feelings at that time, taken him by the hand, he might early have become a disciple of Christ. But alas he strayed into all the follies and vanities of youth. Refusing to listen to the admonitions of the Spirit; he gradually within the path of rectitude, seeking to satisfy the want of happiness he felt, in the delusive pleasures of sin. Through these years of dissipation the good spirit followed him, producing sometimes strong conviction, at length he determined to reform his life and seek religion, and for four or five years he had much of the fear of God before his eyes. He would frequently go to Mr. Kilen's residence, a Local Preacher, to join with them in family worship. At length his conviction became so strong, and his mental anguish so great, that for three days he could neither eat, drink, or sleep. The Lord then was pleased to remove his burden, and grant him some degree of comfort; but the fear lest he should deceive himself, caused him to hesitate in claiming an interest in the blessings of the gospel; but gradually within the space of nine months, those fears gave place to a joyful confidence, of his interest in Christ. The language of our Lord to Nicodemus, was particularly blessed to him "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. This great change took place in 1833. He at once joined the Wesleyan church in Woodstock, and to use his own expression, he "determined to be governed, guided, and influenced only by the Holy Spirit. As the credence of his acceptance was clear, and his joy in Christ was great, his path was that of the just, which sheweth more, and more, unto the perfect day. About five years

after this, he was led to see the need of a deeper work of grace, that it was his privilege, to be cleansed from all sin, and perfected in love. This blessing he sought earnestly, and at length by faith, was enabled to claim the promised good. He felt that the blood of Christ cleansed him from all sin, and that now God had full possession of his heart. In the enjoyment of this great blessing, he stated that he felt such an ability to live on the word and promises, as he had never had before; also he had such a sense of the preciousness of the blood of Christ, that the very mention of that blood, produced an emotion peculiarly sweet and sacred. He found also the enjoyment of entire sanctification, so far from precluding the possibility of advancement, increased his ability to grow in grace, and knowledge, and holy love. He also felt, an increasing delight to do the will of God. Having laid all on God's altar, it was his delight to do His will. And it is worthy of remark, that from the time, he first received the blessing of holiness, to the end of his life; he lived in the hallowed enjoyment of it. His attendance on the means of grace was very exemplary, although he had to walk upwards of five miles, yet if it were possible, Mr. Wolpeter would be there on the class and prayer-meetings, he was a diligent attendant, and his infirmity prevented him. He had a scrupulous regard to the sanctity of the sabbath, so much so, that he thought it wrong to ride to the house of God, on that day. He was also so careful not "to speak his own words," on that sacred day, that when any words, that he would utter, he would utter them, by saying he did not talk on these things on the Lord's day. In the earnest regard and love for the Sabbath he was perfectly right, for it is to be regretted, that there is too much worldly conversation engaged in, on that sacred day. We may think we carry the matter to an excess, in objecting to ride to the house of God; when he lived so far from it. Yet we must bear in mind, that this arose from a fear of saying, or doing, anything wrong in the sight of God. In his latter days he saw that he had been excessively scrupulous, and stated to the writer that "Satan took advantage of his timid disposition, and endeavored to make the way too straight for him." But with all his self-denial, he enjoyed peace, and joy of the Holy Ghost, while religion was a well spring of happiness to his soul, it made him an eminent example of holiness. A "burning and shining light" in the church. During his last illness he was resigned and happy, he said he never "felt that he grew in grace, so rapidly as he had done since he was afflicted." He appeared to all around him, as if he were in the enjoyment of the Lord's supper administered to him. It was a sacred and hallowed season. Though he suffered for many weeks in his last illness, yet his death appeared sudden. His brother had been in the room talking with him, and doing all that affection, could dictate, then left him for a little while, when he returned the spirit had taken its flight to a better world. Thus departed our late beloved friend in the 69th year of his age, having been a member of the Wesleyan church 38 years.

Sept. 14th, 1871. J. S. A.

The late Mrs. James Smith, was the daughter of praying parents, who by example and precept endeavored to train her up, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She was naturally of a gentle, and amiable disposition, and from early life was the subject of religious impressions. But like many young persons who feel their obligation to God, put off the great concerns of eternity to a future time; hoping they may find a time for religious necessities more favorable than the present, she delayed. But our late friend found, that amidst the duties of life, and the care of a rising family, the duties of wife, and mother, with exemplary care and diligence. But it was not until the hand of affliction touched her, that she became decided and earnest, in seeking the blessings of religion. Then she felt that she was not prepared to die, and began to seek with deep penitence, an interest in Christ. At first she appeared to have only the confidence, which an entire trust on the ability and willingness, of Christ to save produces, but without much joy; ultimately the Holy Spirit, "assured her conscience, of its part in the Redeemer's blood; and she was enabled to rejoice in him as her Saviour. For some weeks she was favoured with the presence, counsels, and prayers of a devoted mother, who was very helpful to her in her spiritual state, she enjoyed also the visits, and prayer, of her pastor, and other Christian friends. The last Sabbath she spent on earth, was one of great suffering, but she bore it, as indeed she did all her sufferings, with entire resignation to the will of God. She contemplated her end with calm confidence, and said she "had no fear of death," she could give up her family and every earthly thing, and now was only waiting the time, when the Lord would take her to himself. On the evening of that day she desired us to sing a hymn, which was done, and while singing as chorus to it these beautiful words, "There will be no sorrow there, In Heaven where all is Love and Joy, I will be sorrow there."

She appeared very happy. On the following day she called her family and friends to her bed side, and took an affectionate farewell of them all; counselling and entreating them to seek an interest in Christ, and offered up such prayers for her children. "As only dying mothers do, for those they leave behind."

A little before she died, prayer was offered up in her behalf, soon after which, she looked up, and with a smile said, "O delightful heaven," and soon after fell asleep in Jesus, in the 31st year of her age leaving a husband and four small children to lament their loss. J. S. A. Sept 18th 1871.

MR. JOHN FOSHER. Died, at the head of Wallace Bay, April 19th, in his 81st year.—Mr. John Fosher. When a youth he was convinced of sin under the Wesleyan Ministry, and soon after while alone in his father's field received remission of sins.

During the incumbency of the Rev. Thos. H. Davies on the Wallace Circuit, he united with the Wesleyan church, which was ever after a home for her ministers, he listened joyfully to the glad tidings they proclaimed; above many he could say, "Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth."

During the protracted illness that preceded his death, he was cheered with the prospect of joining those who like himself had "great tribulation."

To the enquiry of his son George, of whose final affection too much cannot be said, he replied, "I have no doubts, I am satisfied."

J. J. C.

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THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's South ing gives the time of high water at Parrish's, Cornwallis, Horton, Hansport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine, 3 hours and 11 minutes later than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N. B., and Portland, Maine, 5 hours and 25 minutes later, and at St. John's, Newfoundland 20 minutes earlier, than at Halifax.

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