

conversation with freedom and grateful confidence on what God had done for his soul.

Sometimes awaking from a doze, he would thankfully exclaim "O what love do I feel in my soul:— love to God and all mankind. This is heaven begun below." And when asked if he had any desire to recover he replied "I have no desire on the subject. I am willing to live, and willing to die." He felt that for him to live was Christ, and to die would be gain. "Christ was all and in all."

During his illness* he was much concerned for the religious interests of his father's family. The least degree of worldly-mindedness or discontentment manifested by any of them occasioned to him great pain, and called from him an affectionate remonstrance. He urged upon his Mother the necessity and advantage of observing the great duty of family prayer, a duty but too much disregarded in Nova-Scotia; while he reminded her of the awful consequences proceeding from its omission, and earnestly intreated her to exhort his brothers and sisters to seek the Lord while he may be found. Such indeed is the natural influence of christianity; and it may be well doubted whether the love of God occupy that heart which is careless of the salvation of others.

As he drew near to his end, he appeared the more rapidly to ripen for glory. He had no fear of death, its sting was withdrawn. As the universal conqueror, "the last enemy" approached, the stronger became his courage. When the iron hand of death pressed heavily, he heeded not, and his father saying "Abraham you are going:" his answer was, "Blessed news! Glory be to God! Farewell Father." His mother stepped forward, and he said "Farewell dear Mother:" and so to all the rest of the family. One of his sisters asked, if he knew her. "Yes," said he. "It is dear Mary:—Repent—Repent—Repent—Mary farewell;" and instantly expired.

Thus has affliction been sanctified in securing another trophy in the Redeemer's cause; and thus has Religion been again proved to be adequate to the exigencies of man, at one and the same time comforting his own soul, and producing kindly and zealous efforts for the benefit of others.

*Abraham Slocombe had never been baptized; but at his request, this holy ordinance was administered to him by the Rev. William Bennett, long an indefatigable, useful, and respectable Missionary, in these Provinces; and shortly after he received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These were to him, and others present, seasons of great spiritual refreshing.
