"MOTHER DIED THIS MORN

BY REV. S. C. PULTON, Ph. B.

These were the words which flashed across the wires to us in our far distant home on the afternoon of the sec ond day of April last. Words that opened a new page in the book of time for us, and filled our hearts with unapeakable emotions. No previous intimation of our dear mothor's illness had reached us. The last letter from home had said : " Mother is more than ordinarily well at present." No one who has passed through like experience can imagine the shocking, dazing effect upon the mind and heart of such a bald, unmitigated, unexpected appropriement of so sad an event. Confused, bewildered, almost paralyzed, we could handly believe it.
Reason said it must be so; but the
heart said it cannot be. There must bea mistake somewhere. This telegram has been misdirected or strayed from its proper course after starting? Died this morning? Our mother? Impossible It must be somebody's else's mother. Other mothers had died, and tenderly, reverently had we committed them to the dust; but surely our mother could not die, and had not died. And so the heart went doubting, hoping, fearing, until black-rimmed letters. blistered with tears, came filled with and details of the fact confirmed. A child-a man has but one mother, and hard indeed is it for him to believe and feel, and say. " Mother is dead."

Through the papers, other proofs came. Last of all the dear old Was-LEYAN, so closely associated with all our earlier remembrances of moth er, and always so like a letter directly from home, came on its weekly visits, bearing a brief memoir, written by father himself, putting the case beyond doubt forever.

Yas, our dear, dear mother is dead. Dead, as men persist in calling it; but somehow something within persists even more watsiteringly, in saying as Christ said of the little maiden of old, "She is not dead." In spite of telegram, letter and memoit reason is compelled to come back to where love is holding on with such desperate hope, and insist as emphatically and persistently as love itself—that hother is not dead. Instead of losing the life she had, she has found another. Two months ago she lived on earth only; but since death has given her, a larger liberty, and a wider appear, she lives both on carth and in heaven both here and

Mother lives here in the memories of many loving bearts. Husband, child-rest grandeltildren, relatives, friends. and sequetetances will never lorget her can never forget ber. Her life remains with them and will remain us long as memory endures. le flow that life rounds itself out to wholeness and completeness is our memories now that she is gone ! Things that we could not see, or saw but dimly then, stand out in the clear right of her finished life to-day. The thousand tender ministries the much enduring love and pa tience, the uncomplaining suffering, the numberless acts of motherly devotion and self sacrifice, the courag sous and hopeful battling with dirother reminiscences, come trooping up before us now, standing in a light in which they were not seen before. Some of the sweetest, most blessed memories of her, are those connected with her religious life and devotional habits. Among the pictures of the past that look out upon us, none is more precious and beautiful than that one in which mother, in the prime of her womanhood is seen as the central figure, bending over her well worn and tear marked bible, from which she was wont to gather ber daily comfort, and strength, and inspiration. Or that other, seen so often in our childbood days, when attracted by the low, sweet sound of a mother's voice in proyer, stealthily we crept to the door of her room, pushing it ajar just sufficiently to look in upon the bowed form we knew was there, and to have our ears ravished and our hearts thrilled with the tender, earnest pleadings of a mother's heart, for the blessing of God upon her children, her home, and all the interests of Christ's Kingdom so dear to her. Ah, those prayers! what a comfort and strength, what a safeguard and inspiration they have been to us through the years of toil and trial that have passed away since they went heavenward for us! Thank God for a praying mother "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."
Mother die out of our loving remembrance Never impossible! In Europe great events and the names and deeds of great men are in many places out in the pavement. In a few years the constant wear of feet almost obliterates them. Every now and then, they have to be re-cut so as to be seen and read. The steady, heavy tramp of Time with its over passing days and months and years can never, obliterate our affectionate remembrance of our sainted mother. Her life of motherly and religious devotion, and self-sucrafice, has cut itself too deeply into our hearts ever to be erased. Mother lives through her influence.

She being dead yet speaketh. When one dies we say "He has gone." There is one less person on the earth. Nothing now remains of him but the vacant place made by his leaving, and the memory of his former existence. But the fact is, as one says, "that man leaves more than a gap and a memory behind him at death. He leaves words and deeds and tendencies, and the thousand and one influences which represent power; and these remain, not for one year, or two, but for all time.

form of existence, be had two immor-palities,—one he took with him at death, the other he did not take with him ; and it remains will, and always will, as his true self, working as it alwave worked, influencing as it always influenced." Nor is this true only of the great and renowned who have filled the world with their names and deeds but of those also of humbler, parrower sphere. Less though their influence may be, it is immortal an that of the others. Our mother lives through her influence. Her life by that subtile power reproduces itself in others, lives. That life of quiet, patient, heroic en-durance and endeavour will never lose its influence for good in the little world in which it was lived, nor in the greater world where others are reproducing its spirit and power. "Whatever was sweet and gracious in her shall not perish, but share in the immortality of goodness. It shall move through time ike a scented wind, bringing health to the sick, and refreshment to the tired. The best that was in her shall live, growing butter as it lives; each new embodiment shall give it a fuller expression; and looking down from heaven " ahe shall joy, in seeing herself "living in endless usefulness upon the earth." She has set in motion

The voice that obsered and soothed us is silent; the hand that was tenderer than all others; that so gently and naweariedly ministered to us in hours of pain, and yet so firmly upheld us, is cold in the grave; the eyes that so full of love's auxiety, marked every steps and movement in youth, and that in after years loosed out so eagerly for our coming, are cloud in darkness ; the face so full of welcome and behediction has vanished; the heart that has never throbbed but with affection is still, our dear old mother has gone, but her life remains; and the very memory and influence of it, even in the midst of our desolation and lumeliness, awaken new and vital energies. within na and stimulate us to a pucer. better life, and a mobler, grander en-deavor. Thank God for the sacked mamory and practions, influence of our Christian mosher. It is as an inspira-

forces that must forever continue to

operate and bless through their work

Mother is not dead, she lives yonder as well as here, of The harpi may, bebroken, but the harmony sounds on the boat may be wrecked, but the storm-beaten boatman has found a sunny, stormless shore: "Why seek ye'the living smong the dead?" "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Often have these true and blessed words of Alexander Maclaren, been in our thoughts during the past few weeks: "The dead are the living. There are none who are dead

There are no have beens! Life is life forever. To be is eternal being. Every man that has died is at this tustant in full possession of all his faculties, in the intensest exercise of his capabilities, standing somewhere in comes after death, 1; not less real, but more real, not less great, but more great, not less full or intense, but more full and intense, than the mingled life which, lived here on earth, was a center of life surrounded with a crust and circumferance of notoriety. They lived whilst they died, and after they die, they live on forever."

All this is true of mother. She lives to-day a purer, freer, happier, intenser. grander life than was possible to her aere. A life free from uncertainty, difficulty, labor and pain. A life touching ours more closely and frequently perhaps than we think. Carlyle said of his noble old father, after his death, -" Perhaps my father, all that essen. tially was my father, is even now near me, with me. Both he and I are with . . If it so please God, we shall in some higher state of being, meet one another, recognize one an-' The essence of uther. . . . whatever was, is, or shall be, even now is.' " So may we say of mother:

There is no death ! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread; He bears our best-loved things away, And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate, He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers; Transplanted into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers.

Born unto that undying life, They have us but to come again ; With jey we welcome them—the same, Except in sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread; For all this boundless universe Is life—there are no dead.

Let us remember that mother lives, and let us earnestly strive to share that more blessed and glorious life with her in the sweet bye and bye.

17 Broad St., Pittston, Pa . May 27th, 1881.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. BICHARD HURST.

The subject of these remarks was orn in Westfield, N. B. in the year 1839. In early life she became the subject of religious impressions, but it was not until eighteen years of age she vielded herself to Christ during an extensive revival under the direction of Rev. R. Smith, then stationed at Carleton, of which circuit Westfield then formed a part. She then became a member of the Methodist Church, in whose communion she lived and dred. Two years after her conversion she removed to Carleton, being at that time united in marriage to Mr. Richard drowning, if not for mystery. The expects me to be funny and I am Hurst. She exhibited in her daily mountains are whitened for thousands, obliged to be so. He then relapsed In one sense, and a very important one deportment that spirit of meekness of miles, by a tiny creamy shell. The

attendance upon all the means of grace, they were blessed of God to the building up and cotablishment of her Christian

The last sickness was of brief duration. Only for a few weeks was she laid aside, but during that timer her sufferings were often intenses. These she bord with that patience which becomes the Obvistian and that resigns tion which is the result of perfect trust in the Father of mercies, Though unable to communicate with her friends at the last her life gave testimony that while for her "to live was Christ to de was gain. On the 30th of April, 1881 she passed away to the spirit land leaving her husband, her aged father and numerous other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

May the consolations of the gospel which proved so comforting and sustaining to the deceased, anpport and solace those who grieve at her departure. R. W. W. Carleton, June 7th 1881.

CORRESPONDENCE

SUSSEX, N. B.

mer be more than ordinarily astir. Already the throb and rust of a great ly quickened life are distinctly mani-fest in the extensive preparations be-ing made for the approaching inflitary demonstrations to take place here the demonstrations to take procedure the latter part of the present month. Seldom, it ever, have the Maritime Provinces witnessed so grand a military display as is promised us on this occasion. Over two thousand troops will go into camp about the 20th instant, and on Dominion the 20th instant, and on Dominion day a grand review will take place in which over three thousand will take place in the Excellency the Governor Jeneral will be present to review the troops and import to review the answermonial place of the New Tostament, country to the authority of a majority of a majority of a majority of the Lexicographors, have caused the virial take in the place during the review which the place during the review will be in the place during the review datermined to make every arrangement thousand in a Paytion near the determined to make every arrangement thousand in a Paytion near the foot of the military move ments. The cash proposed of the distinction of the beautiful to the troops and the dors of the would be done to the beautiful to the troops and the dors of mischier and an idle life dation of determining to the troops and the contract of mischier and an idle life dation of determining the contract of mischier and an idle life dation of the proposed of the distinct of the would be done the proposed of the distinct of the would be done to the beautiful to the would be done to the distinct of the contract of mischier and an idle life dation of determining the proposed of the distinct of the would be done to the would be don brick building, in every way worthy of the object for which the trustees erect Cheap fares on the railway, the

strong attraction of the review, and the surpassing beauty of the country all around Sussex, will doubtless draw large cruwds to the place, and we car every fibre of his being that life, which in connection with the "Pavilion" used to be in ante-railway days: tive term of the drill. Visiture from a distance during the latter part of the drill will find at this restaurant every needed article of refreshment. J. F. BETTS.

Susses, N.B., June 11th, 1881.

A COSTLY HOUSE.

The most costly house in New York will be that of Mr. Vanderbilt, who is ouly outdone in magnificence through out the States by the Bmanza King in the Far West. We are told that the house, together with two others adjaining, which Mr. Vanderbitt is constructing for his daughters; will cost some £300,000. The woodwork is to be "chosen from the choice woods of the world," and is to be fashioned by the "most skilful European and American carvers." During the Railway King's recent visit to Paris he bought some almost priceless ceilings, and secured a replica of Ghiberit's famous gates of the Baptistery at Florence, the latter for £4,000. 'good times" which our transatlantic cousins have been having of late years have certainly given a great stimulus to the building trade is New York, and edifices of from seven to nine stories high are fast springing up in place of the older buildings of the outp. Indeed, one man recently regretted that he had not built his house fourteen, stories high, and prophesied that in a few years the streets will tower so the extent of ten or eleven stories, save in certain districts which were swamps before the adventurous Dutchmen w the seventeenth century founded their ettlement of New Amsterdam. Mi Vanderbilt, wiser than his progenitors, has blasted the foundations of his nouse out of the solid rock .- Land. THE OCEAN FLOOR -Here is the

and of all romance about hidden ocean depths. We can speculate no more about peris in chambers of pearl or mermaids, or heaped treasures and dead men's bones whitening in coral caves. The whole ocean floor is now mapped out for us. " The Atlantic, if drained, would be a vast plain, with a mountain ridge in the middle, running parallel with our coast. Another range crosses it from Newfoundland to Ireland, on the top of which runs a submarine cable. The ocean is thus divided into three great basins-no longer "unfathomable depths." The tops of these mountains are two miles below a sailing ship, and the basins, according to Reclus, are often five miles deep, which is deep enough for

All common things, each day's events, in This with the hour bugits and sud, Our pleasures and our distinctions, according to a few years and the sum of th

The man lacks moral courage who treats when he should retreat.

Those who give not till they die, show that they would not then if they

No persons ever got string by hornets who kept away from where they Here is a good question for a man to sak himself as he reviews his past life

" Have I written in the snow ?" Hope is like the sun, which, as we surney toward it, casts the shadow of

our burden behind us. - Samuel Smiles.

Learning," says a Down-Easter, "is well enough; but it hardly pays to give a five-thousand: dollar education to a five-dollar boy."

Mrs. Duncan Maclaren, of Edinburg recently returned a sharp answer to a DEAR MR. EDITOR, This enterprise man who at a social gathering in-ing little town will for a time this and a quired what sort of husbands the la-mer be more than ordinarily astrothics had who speke so bitterly and hanship on the subject of the property of married women. Said she: "Leeding who have good has and are the subject on the will a commodate fifty guestoridus;

When Dr. Marshman was a young man and at home, he was I equently the subject of doubts and fears. On his return from India, after nearly thirty years residence and labor there. William Jay said to him: "Well, Doctor, how about doubts and fears?" Haven I had time for them, was the answer.

that the country generation of his countrymen will be pany; sickly, and played out. His experience of many days convinces him that the contrary is the case, and that the average American child of "under twelve," travele on a half-fure tick et is as large God's great universe, ringed with the nestly solicit, the patronage of our travels on a half-fure ticket is as large sense of God's presence, and feeling in friends from all quarters. A restaurant as a boy or girl of fifteen or sixteen

The whole Practacian system, Lyon see, brethren, is one of Church, ine stead of Christy priest, instead of Gospel; concealment of atvath sinstead sof manifestation of truth;" ignorant sup-erstition, instead of enlightened faith; bondage—where we are promised liber-ty—all tending directly to load us with whatever is odipus in the worst meaning of priestoraft, in place of the free, affectionate, enlarging, elevating and cheerful linerty of a child of God.—
Bishop McIlvaine's Charge, 1843.

"This celebrated lady was also famous in her old age as the only person who had ever suubbed Lord Beacons field, then Mr. Disraeli, with any approach to success. She was of the exeme Austrian faction in politics, and looked upon Court Cavour as an incarnation of the foul fiend. Mr. Disraeli had early news of his death, and communicated it to old Lady Jersey as follows: "Your ladyship will be pleased to hear of the death of your greatest enemy, Count Cavour is dead.
"Mr. Disraeli," replied the ancient
dame stiffly, "I am sorry to hear of
any person's death." Lord Beaconsfield had the last word, however, for in "Endymion" Lady Jersey figures as

The Rev. Dr. Bushnell himself re-The Rev. Dr. Bushnell himself relates the following: As we were coming out of church one drizzly Sunday,
my wife remarked. You had better
buin that sermon; it isn't worth repesting anywhere. I shall do no such
a thing, I answered, a little vexed;
the sermon is up to my average. She
persisted, and I said little more. But
a year or two afterwards, on a bright
cheery Sunday in W. days that make a discourse go off itself—I took that same sermon again.
And as we came down the siste after service, abe whispered (without the alignment sorter), I would mark that to preach on excuange. It is better than com-

Of "Tom" Corwin, The Cleveland Herald relates that after once giving a remarkable humorous speech which sent a great audience into abouts of laughter, he went off in a ceach with three young men who greatly admired him. They waited patiently for the squibs and jokes they fancied so bright a wit must constantly evolve from his inner consciousness. They were smaz-ed to see him pseulistly sad and quiet. At last he saids The world will al-ways sonor the teacher and despise the clown. Would to God that I had never cracked a loke, but now everybody too, the man never dies,—never leaves and Christian Torbearance which the depths are red in color, heaped with preciating his feeling, were allent to the the earth at all. He had a duplicate word of God enjoins. Faithful in her volcanic masses.

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