

The morals of eighteenth century Halifax were apparently those of the eighteenth century. (See Lecky).

Hear the testimony of Henry Aline, the fervid "New Light" preacher, whom James classes with Bunyan, in his "Varieties of Religious Experience." Aline visited Halifax in 1781 just before the coming of the Loyalists.

"Jan. 1, 1781. I went on board of a schooner, to go to Halifax, if God permitted. When I came there, I preached in different parts of the town, and have reason to believe that there were two or three souls that received the Lord Jesus Christ. But the people in general are almost as dark and as vile as in Sodom. I stayed about ten days and returned again to Liverpool."*

The Presbyterian testimony is nearly as severe as the Baptist. The Rev. James MacGregor left Greenock on the brig *Lily*, Captain Smith, on June 3, 1786. "I reached Halifax exactly one month later.

"The immorality of Halifax shocked me not a little, and I hastened out of it hoping better things of the country."*

A few years later, however, a Methodist preacher has a totally different idea of us. This was Joshua Marsden,* a sturdy, short-necked, bullet-headed little Englishman, happy, patriotic, enthusiastic. In company with "Bishop" Black and three other young missionaries, he left England in the snow *Sparrow*, Captain Humble, on Aug. 14, 1800. A voyage across the

*The Life and Journal of the Rev. Mr. Henry Aline. Boston, 1806.

*The Narrative of a Mission to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Somers Islands, with a Tour to Lake Ontario. To which is added, The Mission, An Original Poem, with copious notes, also A Brief Account of Missionary Societies, And much Interesting Information on Missions in General. Plymouth Dock, 1816.