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DEATH.

We must needs DIE and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet does he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.—2 Sam. xiv. 14.

It is appointed unto men once to DIE, but after this the JUDGMENT.—Heb. ix. 27.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, (Jesus) also himself likewise took part of the same, that through DEATH he might destroy him that had the power of DEATH that is. the DEVIL;

And deliver them who through fear of DEATH were all their lifetime subject to bondage.—Heb. ii. 14-15.

DEATH is swallowed up in victory.

O DEATH, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of DEATH is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. xv. 54-57.

Consider your personal responsibility to other young men, especially to those who are strangers. Our work is to reach and care for them—will you do your part to bring this about? Have you a part in this work? If not, what part will take? When will you begin? Now is your opportunity.



IN MEMORIAM.

ROBERT WILKES.

The melancholy tidings of the drowning of Mr. Robert Wilkes, his only son, and one of his daughters, in Sturgeon Lake, on Monday 16 Aug. will have reached the ears of his many friends in all parts of the land, long before our Bulletin will be received. We shall not therefore dwell upon the details of the sad event, but desire to render tribute to the memory of one who has been a member of our Association from the first, and who has ever taken an interest in the work.

The last visit paid by Mr. Wilkes to our Rooms was on the occasion of the farewell to Mr. Wilkie. In his address he said, "He rejoiced at the results which had been chronicled, and he thought of the time when a few of them, when he was quite a boy, met in the Mechanics' Institute on Court street to start the first inception of the Young Men's Christian Association, which, after lying buried a few years, as some brethren may remember, rose again, and has developed, under God in the magnificent institution in which we rejoice to-night.

"Mr. Wilkes was for many years one of the most active and liberal members in the Methodist New Connexion, and took a leading part in promoting the union of that body with the Wesleyan Methodists. He was a gifted and useful local preacher, and held the offices of Class-leader and Trustee in the Bloor Street Church; being also a member of the Book Committee. He was a liberal supporter of all Church enterprises and every benevolent institution. He was a good citizen, an earnest Christian worker, a tender husband and father, whose loss will be deeply felt by his Church and the whole community."

We copy the above extract as to Mr. Wilkes' official positions from the "Christian Guardian," and cordially re-echo the sentiments expressed in the same paper, that, "If sorrowing sympathy could do any good, Mrs. Wilkes and her bereaved children, and the sisters and aged mother, have our heartfelt sympathy and sorrowing prayers, under the unspeakable calamity that has fallen upon them. A wide circle of friends will cherish a similar feeling and earnestly pray the God of the widow and fatherless to spread over them in this dark hour of agony the wings of his protecting love."