

We went thence without further delay, to Bridgetown. I think Dr. Cramp rode in my buggy, and so gave additional opportunity of becoming acquainted with him. I cannot remember his visiting other associations besides that at Bridgetown. See, however, Memorial Volume, page 83.

Many, I am sure, long afterwards remembered that association, very principally on account of our distinguished visitor, and because he like ourselves, was engaged in planting a Baptist College on an unfriendly soil.

Where, now are those "many" to whom our Canadian friend became "the observed of all observers?"

To one of Dr. Cramp's active temperament, it was impossible not to become busy in the matters canvassed at Bridgetown. He gave counsel as a man experienced and interested. Perhaps some were mortified by his appearing to know more than they; but, nevertheless we were all proud of our English Canadian; and were *right sorry* when he left us, to retrace his weary way through the gathering cold of autumn, to his chosen residence in the West of what was then called Lower Canada. No steam cars to Montreal then whirled a traveller along at almost lightning speed.

A few more sentences may close this hasty and imperfect sketch.

Dr. Cramp as you know, first became President of our College in 1850 or 1851. In 1852, occurred the sad calamity of the loss by drowning, in Minas Bay, of seven valuable lives,—among them, the Rev. Mr. Very of St. John, and the deeply mourned Professor, Isaac Chipman.

The sad news fell on the writer's ear like a thunder stroke, as he stood, just returned from a visit to Europe, on the deck of the steam packet. A friend rushed on board to bring him the heart-rending intelligence.

No one mourned this tragic event more truly than Dr. Cramp. He felt it deeply, no doubt as a public loss, but its personal relation to himself was very trying. He had been comparatively but a short time President of Acadia, so fondly styled 'the child of Providence,' when, all at once Providence seemed turned against her. Then came the perhaps unwise appointment of another President, and of his own removal to the position of Principal of

the Theological Department. Dr. Cramp's demeanour, at the time, well deserves to be remembered; there escaped from him no unseemly word; he met these untoward changes with calm composure. Some singular transpositions occurred then and afterwards; for the change of position made in 1853 was again reversed in 1865. The former President then took the position of Professor of Theology with other branches in the arts course, Dr. Cramp continuing at the head of the university.

The eleven long years passed between 1855 and 1866 well deserve to be made the proud boast of all who honor the memory of our departed friend.

The college was comparatively still weak and staggering at the time of Dr. Cramp's resumed Presidency in 1855. In 1866 it had become well organized and flourishing. In 1869 occurred his formal resignation of the Presidency.

Not many more years then passed without giving evidence of his growing debility; but still the mournful end, when it came, was a surprise to many. The exquisite loveliness of last Tuesday morning formed a strange contrast with the booming toll of the College bell, giving solemn note that the active, stirring, fruitful spirit of John Mockett Cramp was no more found on the earth.

Yet, why a contrast? What was that pure sky,—that tide, so calm and placid,—those hills so varied in their beauty,—what all that lovely scene, but a faint copy of a brighter, far brighter and more blessed world, to which the redeemed spirit had just risen!

"Requiescat in pace," said the old legends of centuries gone by;—we had rather say, in sober and, as we think, more christianized and chastened, English. "Ascend thou honored brother to thy Saviour and thy God."

Yours,

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May we not indulge the hope that ere long the story of Dr. Cramp's life will be told. Such a work written by a competent man could not fail to be deeply interesting and instructive. We say a competent man: for biography is not properly such unless there is