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Obituary Notices.

HENRY SLOCOMB, OF HANLEY MOUNTAIN.

The subject of this communication was the sixth son of Mr. William Slocomb, of Hanley Mountain. His illness was short but severe. In three weeks from the day he left school, his teacher and companions were summoned to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed friend. Just as he was verging into manhood, and bidding fair to become a blessing and comfort to his parents, and a useful and talented member of society, he was taken by his heavenly Father from all the charms and all the pleasures of this vain world, to a world of spirits. From a personal acquaintance with our dear young friend, we feel satisfied that he is now mingling with the saints in heaven. During his illness, he manifested the greatest patience, always desiring his sisters to attend to the wants of his brother, who was also ill. He seemed impressed with the certainty of his approaching dissolution. Being asked by a pious friend who visited him, if he wished to get well, he readily answered, "not unless I can live the life of a Christian. When he became so exhausted as not to be able to pray audibly, his lips moved, and he seemed engaged in deep devotion.

But nature could not long survive the ravages of disease; and on the 23rd, he quietly fell asleep in the 16th year of his age. The occasion was improved by a sermon from the Rev. M. Pickles. We trust that the solemn event may prove a blessing to the parents, and brethren, and sisters who have survived—that they may obtain mercy of the Lord; may be owned as his children; enjoy his presence, and inherit his kingdom! S. P.

Hanley Mountain, March 30, 1853.

MARY STEELE, OF MANCHESTER.

Died at Manchester, on the 1st inst. Mary the third daughter of J. A. Steele, Esq. aged thirteen years. During the extensive revival of religion which this Circuit was favored last winter, our departed Sister was brought to a knowledge of her sinfulness and consequent exposure to the wrath of an offended God. In her distress she called on the Lord, and He heard her cry, and delivered her out of all her troubles. Simple faith in Jesus, the World's Redeemer, put her in possession of the blessing of pardon, and caused her disburdened soul to rejoice in the assurance that she had become a child of God. The sincerity of her profession was evidenced after days by the general consistency of her deportment; and although it cannot be said that she always retained a spiritually healthy state of mind, yet by those who were most intimate with her, it is believed that she never wholly departed from the Lord. She Sabbath School and Class meeting, as well as the more public services of the sanctuary, were frequently her delight, and in those ordinances would express the happiness she derived while faithfully walking in wisdom's ways.

In her late illness, when questioned as to her preparation for death, her language was—“I feel happy, and believe that if I die, I shall go to heaven,” and as the subject of this consolatory trust, she patiently endured affliction and when released by death, her triumphant spirit sped away.

“To the palace of Angels and God!”

Last Sabbath afternoon, we buried her, and the attention of the large assembly present was directed to the grave. Her body was placed in a coffin, and the earth was piled upon it. Her death has been a great loss to the church, and she has left behind her a second garden of paradise, where he would be exempt from all human ills, and many of the wants of nature, and the few remaining wants satisfied with trifling effort; but he is suddenly awakened from his delusive dream, when he is landed on the quay at Melbourne, his boxes full of his worldly goods, and his family, in a filthy overcrowded town, and every second person complaining of diarrhea, or influenza.

It is really pitiable to see the privation of many mothers, and children, and were it not for the fineness of the climate, admitting living tents, the suffering would in many cases be greater. There are at present several hundred of people in tents outside the town, on the government lands—they are quite villages. Many persons are returning, and more would if they had the means.

You must not think, because I have stated “these facts,” that I dislike the country, on the contrary, I think it a very fine one,—the climate is a peculiar one, and as far as I am competent of judging, very healthy. Although this is the best month in spring, I wear with me the same clothes I wear at home in the month of May, and the nights are quite cool, so much so, that blankets are indispensable, and a little fire early in the morning is not uncomfortable. The greatest inconvenience is the dust—it resembles a smart snow-drift, and is prevalent more than half the time; it runs at times as high as the houses, and prevents the distinguishing any objects across the street.

There is no doubt that this is a first rate place to make money; and every person engaged in business, is doing so, but the difficulty is to get in,—which is next to impossible. The “digging” are rather falling off in the yield, notwithstanding the increased numbers employed. It is a difficult matter to form a correct opinion of the individual chances of success,—the reports of those returning are so conflicting,—but I have come to the conclusion, that it is necessary to engage in it as a business, to make it all profitable. Some work a few weeks without success, and leave in disgust. Some have dug sixteen weeks, without making expenses, and in the seventeenth have found sufficient to make a year for the whole. Great finds, however, are of rare occurrence now, and sober, reasonable men from here, have told me, that any person who makes a business, and continues at it, is sure to make as much as he could otherwise, and has the chances of doing much more. New places richer every day, daily turning up, and of course richer yet.

The Danes are here—have sold the brig Selam for £1200, surplus stores and other matters nearly £200 more—and brought freight from the Bay up to the amount of £100—the wood-fittings for the passengers, bulk heads, floor, &c., brought over £70; an extra coal stove which cost them £2 10s., brought £10—all sterling money—is it the currency of this country? There are two Margeson's, blacksmiths, from Liverpool, at Williamstown, about 7 miles from here—doing first rate at their trade. Independent Mechanics cannot fail to do well. Common labourers too are wanted.

The Bay abounds in Fish of various kinds, and being a fearful price—and are caught in small boats in tow 3—and so in proportion. Little things like flat-fish bring sixpence each. The Bay is very large—the entrance to it is perhaps two miles wide, or less; and in going up to Hobson's Bay, where the ships lie, about seven miles from Melbourne, you lose sight of land. The town of Geelong is in this Bay. Williamstown is opposite the shipping,

Sackville, N. B., April 12, 1853.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1853.

Letter from Australia.

By the kindness of Capt. McCLEARN, of Liverpool, we are permitted to place before our readers, extracts from a letter lately received by him from Mr. JOSHUA NEWTON FARMER, dated Melbourne, November 29, 1852. Reliable information of those far off, golden regions, will be eagerly welcomed by our fellow Provincials, and we need not say, that the statements of Mr. Freeman, may be as readily depended upon, and will be found exceedingly interesting. “The diggers,” who contemplate a “move” to “the diggings,” will do well to ponder over the contents of Mr. Freeman's letter, ere they take the final step. The scene there has its dark as well as its bright side, and a judicious person will look him on the whole, and consider whether it be better for him to leave, or to sever the ties of kindred and home, and take passage for Australia, with the design of making that his permanent residence. But we shall not detain our readers longer from the extracts—

I have been on shore a fortnight doing nothing but endeavoring to learn a little of the state of things here, which is a difficult matter, for Freeman's do not more than tenaciously guard from vulgar gaze their peculiarities, than do business men here everything connected with trade—indeed if they had the inclination they have but little time, for every person seems in a hurry, to get information. They look upon this as the harvest time, and not knowing how long it may last every

one is eager to get his share. The merchants, shopkeepers, and owners of property, are making rapid fortunes.

Rents are enormous. A two story building with small sized shop, and little room off, on the first floor, with corresponding room above, in any locality in town, is worth from £500 to £600 per annum, and in the principal streets much more.

Three small rooms in any decent situation brings £4 per week—and but few families have more. Shopkeepers' premises cannot be said to be scarce, they are not to be had at any price—many persons who come out in our ship with goods, cannot procure places to offer them for sale—Lodging or boarding houses are literally crammed. The table, used to eat off, in the day, is a bedstead for two at night; and when all are stowed away, there is not sufficient room to walk between the beds, and the first up has to dress in the yard. I know some, designated respectable to distinguish them from the common herd, where four small rooms are made to accommodate nine or ten boarders, in addition to a family of six or seven, some of them grown up females; in such places the charge is from 25s. to 40s. per week. So crowded has the town been that the Vestry and Class Rooms of the Chapel have been used as a temporary shelter for the homeless.

Land is very dear, and is not doing well at home, and is willing to rough it and stay here, will certainly do well. Labouring men, either as farmers, or for any manual labor, will find their place. Mercantile servants are at a discount.—An advertisement in yesterday's paper for a clerk, procured 150 applications. I think, too, there is a good chance for smart, energetic men, who can bring their hands to anything. For instance, a person could earn from £2s. to £3s. stuffing Mattresses or making Stretchers, per day. Very many of our labourers would make, as tolerable Carpenters, 20s. a day. Much more has been made booting and trucking, but a great many are taking it up. Men with good, working wives, do best after once settled. In some cases they keep small shops, in others sew, or take boarders—all of which is very profitable. But the most profitable is the gold mining, which is making up a fortune in a few months, it is all full-gilt. It is a now growing country, and as long as the gold-fields last, will be a money-making one, but it requires energy, labour, patience, and perseverance.

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From this up to Melbourne, the River (Yarra Yarra) is quite narrow, half the width of your Liverpool river, and shallow at the entrance;—nine feet being the utmost water, that can be carried over—which makes the lighting business a good one, so few vessels being shallow enough for that purpose. There are a great many vessels in the coasting trade between this Sydney, and Van Dieman's Land, mostly American, bought in California, fast sailers. They come up to the wharves abreast of the town, and board from the latter place Timber, Battens, Shingles, Boards, and Wooden Houses. The latter have been, and are now selling for from £44 to £55, with two rooms, doors, windows, shingles, boards, and all complete; the whole building 24 feet by 12, and 7 or 8 feet high, and with a good chimney, and a good fire place. With regard to our people coming out here, I would say, mechanics of every description, and men of capital who are not doing well at home, and are willing to rough it and stay here, will certainly do well. Labouring men, either as farmers, or for any manual labor, will find their place. Mercantile servants are at a discount.—An advertisement in yesterday's paper for a clerk, procured 150 applications. I think, too, there is a good chance for smart, energetic men, who can bring their hands to anything. For instance, a person could earn from £2s. to £3s. stuffing Mattresses or making Stretchers, per day. Very many of our labourers would make, as tolerable Carpenters, 20s. a day. Much more has been made booting and trucking, but a great many are taking it up. Men with good, working wives, do best after once settled. In some cases they keep small shops, in others sew, or take boarders—all of which is very profitable. But the most profitable is the gold mining, which is making up a fortune in a few months, it is all full-gilt. It is a now growing country, and as long as the gold-fields last, will be a money-making one, but it requires energy, labour, patience, and perseverance.

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Religious Items.

ROBERT OF A MISSIONARY IN HAVY.

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The Jews.—A remarkable change is said to be in progress among the Jews in almost every country. Rabbis, who have enslaved the minds of that people for so many ages, are rapidly losing its influence; and multitudes are throwing aside the Mishna and Talmud, and betaking themselves to the study of Moses and the prophets. Among the Jews in London there is a great demand for copies of the Old Testament. The subject of their restoration to Palestine, and the expectation is founded, are extensively engaging their attention.

DEATH OF WESLEYAN MINISTERS.—The Watchman reports the death of three Wesleyan ministers:—Rev. Joshua Fadden, of London, in the 70th year of his age and the fifth year of his ministry;—Rev. James Baker, who had been 39 years in the itinerancy. At Belize, Honduras, the Rev. Harman Mason, aged 27. His career as a missionary was short, but his labours were abundant, and were owned and blessed of God.

ARRIVAL OF PORTUGUESE CHRISTIANS.—The brig Constance, which arrived at this port a few days since, brought as passengers fifty of the persecuted Portuguese, who fled to Trinidad from Madeira, about five weeks since. They were on their way to join the settlement of their friends in the state of Illinois, and some of them we understand, are quite destitute, not having the necessary means to proceed further.

MURDER OF A MISSIONARY.—As Rev. Elisha S. Terry, a Baptist missionary at Pembina, Minnesota, was one day proceeding to the woods to cut a stick of timber, singing, as he passed along, a hymn in the Chippewa language, he was pierced through the body with arrows from the bows of a band of Sioux Indians, who were lying in ambush and afterwards scalped. He was buried in the morning at the residence of the Rev. T. C. Crosby, of St. Paul, and a letter to the Home Mission Society.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE PARIS CORRESPONDENT.—The Paris correspondent of the Watchman, who is shortly expected here from Marseilles, and I believe a member of the Bible Society of London will come to Provincetown with them on their arrival, and to offer their assistance and encouragement in the name of British Protestantism. They have been visited at Marseilles by the Rev. Samuel May, and the English resident, and almost all the English residents, and their hotel is constantly crowded with sympathetic, or curious visitors.

REMARKABLE PROPHECY.—The following is the prophecy of Huss, which he is said to have pronounced to the council of Constance, who by a decree in violation of a sacred canon, had ordered the burning of John A. D. 1515, ordered him to be burnt. “You are now going to roast a Goose.—Huss is German for goose—but in an hundred years a Swan—Luther in German is a swan—will come, and you shall not be able to destroy.”—Ec. Paper.

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