



Obituary

MR. WILLIAM INSON, M.A. (DECEASED)

The subject of this brief notice was born in the County of Lancashire, N.S. April 17th 1818. He was brought to this place by his parents at the age of six years. He spent his early years of serious preparation but until his 20th year was the subject of saving grace. At this time it pleased God to send to this corner of His vineyard the late Rev. Wm. Black of blessed memory, who was the first to declare the word of life to the people. Under his ministrations an extensive revival of religion took place, and many souls were saved. Among the number was our subject, Mr. Inson. No sooner was he converted to God than he joined himself with others in society; this was the beginning of Methodism. Truly Wesleyan in spirit, the friend of all and the enemy of none, he at once sought how he might be rendered a blessing to the community. Actuated by the spirit of holy obedience, he was prompted to engage, Lord's day after day, in the study of the Bible, and to work for the Master's cause. Associated with Revs. Black, Lusher, Banford, Knight and others he was abundant in labors.

From the time in which the first Wesleyan church was opened in the place for the public worship of God, he has been a faithful attendant upon the means of grace. For upwards of forty years he has been a member of the church. His home was ever open for the reception of Christian Ministers, and for years different ones stationed upon this circuit found a home free of expense.

Although the writer had not the pleasure of his acquaintance when he was able to discharge the duties devolving upon him in relation to the church, it was satisfactory to visit him when, on account of the infirmities of old age, he was confined to his private abode.

On having taken sweet counsel together when regarding the goodness of the Lord's.

The night previous to his departure we ate together around the social board, little expecting that within twenty-four hours that faithful servant of God would be passing to the marriage of the Lamb. Before parting, speaking of the attractions in heaven for him and for us, he expressed a desire to depart and be with Christ, "yet I will wait till my change come."

The sufferings which ended in so triumphant a death, were of short duration. Relatives and friends realizing that a change would shortly take place, gathered around him. Being conscious to the close, he spoke of the blessed communion he had in God, and the comfort resulting from a Saviour's presence in death; and then exhorted those whom he left behind to meet him in heaven. His death took place in the presence of his family, and without feebleness, and in the full assurance of faith, and in the presence of the Lord's Spirit. He was buried on the 14th of September, 1869, after a sojourn of 54 years; for nearly 60 years a member of the Wesleyan Church. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

The event was improved, the following Sabbath evening, by the writer, founded on Rev. xiv, 13, to a large and attentive congregation of relatives and friends. May the Lord prosper the Word. F. M. P.

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Sudden Death not Always to be Dreaded.

Admirer of any means an indiscriminate admirer of the Litany of the Church of England. Some of its doctrines, we believe, and much of its iteration we should gladly dispense with were we compelled habitually to use it. But we do approve its Litany. We accord with its sentiments; we like its arrangement, and we admire the vigor and condensation of its style. There are probably few persons who have not occasionally heard that Litany but find some of its comprehensive and rhetorical supplications lingering in their memory years after they were last heard in public worship. Who that has ever listened to the following terse and impressive petition effectively rendered could ever forget its appropriateness?

From lightning and tempest; from plague and pestilence; from famine and war; from sudden death, and from sudden death.

Good Lord, deliver us.

In the whole literature of prayer we know of nothing finer or more striking than this brief, but much comprehending supplication. How often it is brought up to one's recollection with all its intensity of feeling by the tragic occurrences of the passing time. Not a day that rolls over our head scarcely but tidings of the ravages of lightning and tempest, the plague, pestilence and famine, the battle, murder and sudden death wrings with keen anguish some poor desolate human heart. As we write, though our City is happily exempt from the visitation of pestilence and famine and the cruel desolations of battle, the effects wrought by the raging of the tempest, the madness of murder and the inroads of sudden death, are painfully visible around us; and in view of them the petition quoted from the Litany spontaneously springs to one's lips. Compared with other liturgical prayers in this prayer, red-handed murder does not strike abroad to do its dreadful work, but the surging tempest often drives our coast with wrecks, and the sudden death multiplies its victims in the abodes most sorrowful by the tears of widows and the walls of orphanages. God be pitiful to them! They are many just now round some of our storm swept shores; but He knows where to find and how to succor every one of them—Husband of the widow and Father of the fatherless as he is.

It was of sudden death we were thinking particularly when we began to write. We are all liable to such a death; and human nature shrinks back from it instinctively. We wonder it is an unspeakably solemn thing to die. It is a solemn thing, even by a death ever so slow, and gradual, to pass from all that is known to that which is altogether unknown, to the awful mysteries of eternity, to the dead presence of Jehovah—God All-Only God—Almighty. Standing upon the brink of the bridgeless river that divides the two worlds, one would desire to take a long drawn breath before plunging into the dark chill waters below him, from which he is never to come back. One would like to have by oneself and deliberate examination as to what was conscientiously verging towards the supreme moment, that nothing had been left undone, nothing overlooked to fit him in safety to take the perilous voyage.

But it is as natural for one to desire to pass from this world slowly, as to deprecate entering another one hastily. This is the place of our activity, the scene of our short-lived joys, our labour-field our battle ground our Bochim and Ramah. We leave it; but it will be memorable

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She that carries behind thee, faithful and loving companion of many years toil and travel, perhaps would have desired for thee in thy deathly moments the soft pillow, the downy bed, the darkened windows and her own gentle ministry at thy side. But thou wert spared the pangs of parting and the pains of lengthened disease. Thy will. He who never e'er ordered it wisely; and we believe that sudden death was to William Wilson sudden translation to eternal life!

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Lord Jesus, Giver of life, Conqueror of death, it is not for us to say where or how or when we shall at the last lay down our weary burden; it will be enough if Thou grant permission to rest that Thy love, and to occupy the lowliest place amid those who praise Thee forevermore. J. R. N.

We have heard in this Province that the Candidates for a certain scholarship are examined in the Knowledge of Bible truths as they are exhibited in the Bible itself; but in two well known volumes of sermons by a late Divine. We certainly think it better to take a wider range in our interpretation of Holy Scripture than any one man's sermons. We should like to suggest to the Fathers, and to him at the Prayer Book, and a well known motto, "Quod Semper, &c." but we are afraid of being called "followers of men." The President of the Wesleyan Conference has spoken not only of the views of the Body of Christians over which he presides. It is not the Bible, and the Bible alone, that the Bishop has interpreted in his four volumes of the Wesleyan Sermons, and to his notes on the New Testament, which these prescriptions are to teach.

We take the above from the Church Chronicle. It is a delicate way of saying that President Johnson, in his Charge at Hull, representing the Body of Methodist, remonstrances private Judgment in the interpretation of Holy Writ.—that John Wesley must be the guide of every one's conscience. Dr. Johnson had sufficiently guarded his position by declaring—"Between you and God it is literally the Bible alone. But as between you and your fellow-laborers receive the Bible by a mutually-agreed-upon rule of interpretation!"—that rule being the doctrines contained in Wesley's Notes and Sermons. The Methodists have always regarded these volumes as containing the best digest of Arminian theology which ever existed. Hence their preference. They have always agreed upon a standard of faith; and so our contemporary has not enlightened us by giving the *et cetera*, if any of this supposed bondage to a creed, he will permit us to hint at a few of its advantages.

We have no missionary Bishops writing Books to disprove the Bible. We have no Professors in high places tripping between us and Rome, and giving Rome the preference. We have no ecclesiastical hirings and firings of the Church's head while striking at the Church's life.

If Apostolic signs be still admissible, we have thousands in every land who are "our epistles"—known and read of all men,—on whom the transforming power of the Holy Ghost has passed. Among these there is variety of religious opinion; but their salvation has been the result, under God, of truths preached in accordance with Wesley's Notes and Sermons. So that there is no Divine disapproval of our solicitude to preserve the ministers of the Church from error and heresy.

The Ministers of the Methodist Church are not seeking to enlarge their creed or to throw out all their doctrinal obligations; but rather, while advancing with their generation in knowledge,

they hold with good tenacity the faith once delivered to the saints. Yet there are many who are not and are not among them, without a tendering farewell. We would like our living loved ones to move on safely with us, at least to the entrance of the valley. If not possible, to think to accompany us to the banks of the river. As the stars vanish in the deepening darkness, we should wish their last rays to light up our fading vision the forms and features dear to us at the last hour. One would wish also with dying accents, to crave forgiveness for errors committed and bestow it for injuries done, and to commend our souls to the merciful hands of our Father, who is the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow.

Nevertheless, we are conscious that under certain circumstances sudden death may be an advisable closing to a long and useful life. We know of no more striking illustration of our thought than that furnished by the departure of our brother Wilson. Believing we do to that he lived in habitual communion with the holy Trinity, we think it quite lawful and not unwise for one, in submission to the Divine will to pray, "Let my last end be like his!" Since we heard of the intelligence of his death and the manner of it, the thought of its enviable character has been strong within us.

Let us consider it. Here was a man who had spent a long life of honorable toil in his Master's service. Vigorous in constitution, buoyant in spirit, he had enjoyed his work and career; and yet personal experience the meaning of weariness, sickness and pain. Though far advanced in life, his physical vigor and mental strength were but slightly abated. He was still able to work for God, willing to work and did work up to the last moment. He had lost none of his zest for life. He rode his pleasant hobbies with all the innocent enjoyment of earlier years.

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