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the devoted Christian pray, but he puts forth corresponding efforts to secure the looked-for blessing. You will find him imparting sympathy, uttering words of counsel and encouragement, and pleading with men to be reconciled to God and enlist under Christ's banner.

In this view it is "blessed to die in the Lord," and the soul feels to exclaim—

"Thy stroke, O death, terror of the mortal,
I hail,
'Twill snap the fetters of my captive spirit,
And set me free, free to wing the vast
realms of bliss,
In breathe the freest air of life Divine,
And bask me in the sunshine of eternal
love."

We are called to mourn, rather to congratulate, a venerable sister in Christ, who, at last, has gone to be with Christ. We mourn the absence of one, respecting whom it can truthfully be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." She rests, from her labors, and her works do follow her. It was such a death that closed the earthly labors of Sister Harris, whose departure forms the theme of our present meditations.

There is something in the name of *mother* which awakens the tenderest associations, and must create in every heart the liveliest emotions of affection and interest. It is the name of one to whom we owe our being, on whom devolved the care of our earliest years, who sustained us in the most helpless period of life, to whom no self-denial was irksome, and no exertion toilsome; all this and much more is included in the name of mother; affection intense, aye, undying in life and strong in death. All this is associated with that dear and sacred name mother. All this comes into the soul to swell the tide of affection when she is with us on earth, and also to intensify our grief when death with its icy arms snatches her from us. But nevertheless an affectionate mother has bathed herself in death's dark waters, and has walked to the shores of a blessed immortality. And, in Christian confidence, respected relatives, you can say to-day—

"Unveil thy bosom faithful tomb,
Take this new treasure to thy trust;
And give the sacred relics room
To slumber in the dust."

BIOGRAPHY.

Sister Jane Harris, the wife of our beloved brother, Elder John M. Harris, was born Nov. 10, 1810, near Flemingsburg, Fleming county, Ky. At the early age of 15 years she made a public profession of faith in Christ. Three years after she was married to our esteemed brother in Putman county, Indiana, Nov. 6, 1828. After 52 years of happy married life, she closed her labors on earth Monday, Nov. 15, 1880, at the advanced age of 70 years and five days. She was a loving mother, a faithful wife, and a devoted Christian. Two evenings before she died she sung in clearful voice a verse of a favorite hymn—

"I have no resting place on earth,
On which to fix my love;
Oh, my heart is yearning
For the promised rest above."

Brother Harris has spent 48 years in the ministry, during which time she was an earnest and efficient co-laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. Soon the sculptured marble will mark her silent resting place, and as the seasons come and go, the wintry blasts will sigh her requiem, and the green grass move o'er her grave; but she lives in memory and her works will follow her. Imitate her virtues, obey her Savior, that you, too, when this life shall end, may be released from sorrow, toil, and strife, and be welcomed to an endless life.

—It is a sad thing that a large and increasing portion of the American people have no homes, but lead a roving life, and live in hotels and boarding houses. It is an evil which must sooner or later tell on our national character.

London Fogs.

The dense fogs which so frequently convert London day into night, while the surrounding country is bright with sunshine, are commonly attributed to the smoky coal which London burns; and it has been proposed to import Pennsylvania anthracite as a remedy. Doubtless smoke has something to do with the density and blackness of London fogs; but we very much doubt the possibility of largely dispelling them by any change of fuel. It is, we believe, not so much the smoke of London fires as the great volume of water vapor which they produce that serves as the primary cause of the fogs. A necessary product of combustion is water; and the million or more fires of London must send into the air of the city enormous volumes of heat vapor in addition to the steam of boiling water incident to cooking, manufacturing, and similar operations.

While the atmosphere of London is thus being kept at the point of saturation, the manner in which the city is laid out prevents any free passage of wind to sweep away the superabundant moisture. London is made up of a congeries of towns scattered over a hundred square miles or more of area, each with its peculiar network of streets and roads, and all grown together into such a snarl of passages, all short and nearly all crooked, that a hurricane would be confused and lost in an attempt to pass through the city. No other large city in the world bears any comparison with London in this respect. All other large cities have long thoroughfares through which the winds can sweep their entire length or breadth. In most cities such avenues are not only long and broad but measurably straight. The nearest approach to such a thoroughfare in London begins at Shepherd's Bush and runs along the Uxbridge Road, down Oxford street to Holborn Viaduct. This allows the west winds to penetrate to the very heart of the metropolis, and it is a fact well established by observation that this route is singularly free from fogs.

The native Londoner is apt to deride the chess-board plan of most American and many European cities, with streets crossing each other at right angles and running in monotonous straight lines, mile after mile. This plan may not lend itself so readily to architectural effects as the short and tangled streets of London, but its sanitary and commercial advantages are beyond question. It may be that after all is said and done London may have to choose between enduring an almost ever-present fog or the breaking up of its beloved labyrinths by cutting broad and straight avenues, in various directions, across the length and breadth of the city.—*Scientific American.*

INDIA SHAWLS.—An India shawl, like a wonderful painting, possesses beauty untold to a cultivated eye. More wonderful still is this beauty when we think of the long, weary hours occupied in making it, and the many stitches inserted slowly and carefully by different hands. The odd-looking leaf you admire in one corner, and the gay-colored one in another, exemplify the old story of "extremes meeting;" for the possibility is that they were made fifty miles apart, and then wedded together by the calculating merchant. It is a little curious to think that in this manufacture the maker does not know his pattern, even if he make the entire shawl; for he makes by written directions, and on the wrong side, using a needle very much like a match sharpened at both ends. To make a handsome shawl requires a year's steady work, and one is insensibly reminded of life's own story—the threads going in and out for so long a time with no knowledge of what the result will be. The Vale of Cashmere to-day furnishes in one way as many beauties as it did when Moore sang of it; and, if Lalla Rookh does not wear the soft, clinging drapery, English and American beauties do. An exquisite work of art is a Delhi shawl, which after having all the richest of Oriental colorings bestowed upon it, is further graced by threads of gold that show their presence by gleaming and glistening at each movement of the wearer.—*E.*

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