

the return of the Lord's day, before he had recovered, he went to his pulpit and commenced a service, which he was unable to conclude. He was immediately prostrated by the illness which ended fatally on Wednesday, the 17th ult.

We enjoyed the privilege of seeing and conversing with him on the preceding Saturday, Sabbath and Monday. He expected that his ministry was about to close, and that "the time of his departure was at hand," and he was not only resigned but satisfied. His feet rested on the Rock of Ages, and in calm expectation he awaited the Master's call. He was willing to remain in the flesh for a season, but ready to depart, and while awaiting the disclosure of the Lord's will, enjoyed the serene peace of an assured faith.

On Tuesday, appetite and strength entirely failed, and on Wednesday morning, surrounded by his beloved family, one excepted who could not be there, he fell asleep in Jesus, in the 83rd year of his age, and 41st of his pastorate.

Dr. Smith was a graduate of Glasgow University, and besides the usual Arts course, attended the Medical and Chemical classes. In Theology also he enjoyed the benefit of the University course, as well as the prolections first of Dr. Paxton and then of Dr. John Dick, names both venerated by a generation, of which few remain even in Scotland.

After five years of useful and acceptable mission work in Scotland, he accepted an invitation to these Provinces, and in 1829 landed in Miramichi, from which he crossed to Prince Edward Island, and after a short stay proceeded to Pictou, expecting his trunks containing books and clothing to follow. Winter, however, set in, the packet did not return, and the books and clothes, to his great disappointment, remained till Spring on the other side of the Strait.

During that winter he supplied Stewiacke, vacant by the death of a beloved pastor, the Rev. Hugh Graham. In March Dr. MacGregor died, and Mr. Smith was sent to supply the vacant pulpit. Both congregations moved to call, but Stewiacke

had the start in point of time, and had first won the minister's heart.

If we may divide his long Pastorate into two, we would say that the first twenty years were devoted almost exclusively to Pastoral work. He was everywhere valued as a preacher, and his services in demand, but his time and strength were devoted to the spiritual cultivation of the Valley of the Stewiacke. He preached and taught from house to house with a fidelity and zeal rarely surpassed. His work was planned with wisdom, carried out with system, and conducted in a spirit of paternal affection and tenderness. He was a father and almost a ruler to the whole Settlement. His people welcomed him to their homes, appreciated his designs for their benefit, and coöperated in carrying them into effect; while their peace, progress and prosperity gladdened his heart and lightened his toil.

While building up his congregation, Mr. Smith proved himself a student and a man of erudition. His preaching was not only evangelical, but varied and full. He kept abreast of the age. He took a lead in Education, and proved himself the most active School Commissioner in the county, giving much time and energy to improve the schools throughout the county, as well as to encourage teachers and raise the standard of education within the limits of Stewiacke. He lectured as time permitted on subjects literary and scientific, not only to his own people, but in response to invitations, at Truro, Pictou and Halifax, and these efforts were highly popular in matter, style and delivery.

In 1850, the commencement of the second part of his Pastorate, he was appointed by the Synod of the P. C. of N. S. Professor of Biblical Literature, and from this date he had a double charge; but without neglecting the first, the duties of the second office were discharged not only with conscientious fidelity but with enthusiasm.

In 1860 came the Union between the Free and the Presbyterian Churches of Nova Scotia, and in the United Body he retained substantially the same Professorship. Prior to the Union he received his