

and spirituality. In later years, he often told, both publicly and privately, how he was led by the conversation of a godly deacon in this first pastoral charge to study the teaching of Scripture in regard to the Second Coming of Christ, and to adopt what are called pre-millennial views. Ever afterwards the Bible had a new meaning to him, life a new inspiration, and his ministry a new power. In 1869 he was invited to the pastorate of the Clarendon Street Church, Boston, as successor to the well-known Dr. Baron Stow, and labored there for over 25 years. Last December he celebrated the quarter centenary of his pastorate, and in his address on the occasion he gave utterance to the presentiment that his "work was nearly done." For some weeks he complained of being "so tired"; then grip, developing into typhoid pneumonia, brought him low, baffling the efforts of the most skilful physicians; and on the early morning of Saturday, Feb. 2nd, he calmly fell asleep in Jesus, his last conscious utterance being the word, "victory!"

In an exceptional degree Dr. Gordon was a many-sided man. He possessed a combination of gifts and graces rarely met with. Child-like humility was united with great intellectual power, and profound knowledge of Scripture with peculiarly persuasive eloquence. He was a Christian of intense spirituality, and at times his countenance seemed to glow, as if it mirrored the glory of God. He was pre-eminently a man of prayer, and at the same time he was foremost in every good word and work.

It was quite impossible that the usefulness of such a great and gifted man should be confined to the bounds of a single church. Dr. Gordon was a helper and leader in every enterprise that sought the best interests of humanity and the glory of God. His zeal for the cause of missions was a consuming passion. For twenty-four years he was a member of the Executive Committee of the American Missionary Union, and for seven years he was its honored chairman. Under his inspiration, the Clarendon St. Church raised \$24,000 annually for foreign missions, being twice as much as its expenditure for its own home interests. It was peculiarly interesting and impressive to read on the walls of its lecture room the names of the missionaries and evangelists sustained by the church, and to hear them prayed for at the mid-week service. He had singular success in addressing college