

its ending part of that plan? We would not call the life of Jesus incomplete, although he died at three and thirty. Indeed, as he drew to the end, he said to his Father, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," and with his expiring breath he cried aloud in triumph, "It is finished!" It does not, therefore, require years to make a life complete. One may die young and not depart too soon. It is possible for a life to remain in this world but for one day or one hour, and yet be complete according to God's plan for it.

To our view, it is a broken life which is taken away in the midst of great usefulness. It seems to our limited vision that every one should live to complete the good work he has begun. But this is by no means necessary. The work is not ours, but God's; each one of us does a little part of it, and then as we fall out another comes and does his part just next to ours. One may sow a field and die before the reaping-time, and another gathers the sheaves. The reaping was not part of the sower's work. We may begin something, and then be called away before finishing it. Evidently, the finishing was not our work, but belongs to some other's life-plan. We must not say that a man's life is a broken one because he did only a little part