

house of a relative. There at noon, on the 3rd of August, 1881, not far from where he had found the Saviour whom he had so faithfully served, surrounded by his sorrowing family and friends, and as he still held the hand of his only boy, his redeemed spirit departed to be with Christ.

He had not yet seen his 43rd birthday. Like Prof. Yule and Principal McGregor, he was called away in the very prime of manhood. Who can measure the loss our churches have sustained through the early death of these eminently gifted servants of God whom the Holy Spirit had through years of training thus fitted for doing most efficient work in His Kingdom? O what strength and inspiration, what wisdom and sanctifying power would have emanated from these consecrated souls, had it pleased our Heavenly Father to let them labor on among us in the vigor and earnestness of healthful life! We know not why God did not permit his people to reap the fulness of the blessing which such life, if prolonged, could not have failed to bring, but as we think of the glorious results that might have followed, one sad question forces itself upon us. Were these lives not too pure, too good to be continued down here? Did we by our own zeal and fidelity in the Master's service, by our love for them and our fervent prayers for God's blessing on their ministry produce the environment in which alone God could work out his purposes concerning these his chosen vessels? He has put eminently qualified and godly men in their places. Let us, brethren, see to it that no unbelief or unfaithfulness on our part shall hinder the work which God by his Spirit can perform through their instrumentality.

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### RECOGNITION.

Yes! when within the heavenly homes shall meet  
Souls whose communings touch the earth-lived years,  
Some wing'd word set free, like carrier dove,  
Some glance or tone, shall bear its message fleet,  
And wake in one glad moment sweetest tears,  
As blissful rain, from long pent hearts of love.

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