

Mr. Pollock was one of *eleven* young men who have issued from the Free Church congregation, New Glasgow, three of whom (he being the third) were summoned from the church below, while prosecuting their studies, to the higher studies of the heavenly Church. Eight of the above number became Probationers, and, with one exception, all have been settled in ministerial charges. Of the whole number, the deceased appears to have been the most earnest, ardent and persevering. From the very outset, his resolution was fixed on being a missionary to the heathen; and, after finishing his philosophical course, the writer of this memorial found that resolution unabated. No difficulties, no fears, no accounts of slain missionaries, could divert his thoughts from his steadfast purpose. His natural talents were excellent, and cultivated with great assiduity. Although not so well qualified as some of his fellow students when he entered Dalhousie College, he yet took an honorable place in all the classes he attended, and obtained the high commendation of his Professors, as well as the esteem and respect of his fellow students. His personal piety was undoubted, even in his boyhood; and, when he came to years in which he thought it consistent in a young man to be teaching others the principles of religion, by which his own soul was actuated, with unwearied zeal he devoted no small portion of his time to attendance on prayer meetings and Sabbath School teaching. His youthful hearers came to be persuaded that he was spiritually minded, and that in him they had an earnest pleader at the throne of grace for their spiritual welfare; for, with earnestness and unction, he communicated Bible truth to his attentive listeners. But without any apprehension on his part or his friends, the sand-glass of life was nearly run down. Having had a short vacation at Hawkesbury, he resolved to visit his parents; and with renewed assurance of following out his life's purpose, he left home with recruited vigour, but to see it no more in the land of the living. For, not more than a fortnight from that date, the sad intelligence of his death by drowning had been communicated by telegram to his bereaved parents; their hopes were dashed in the dust—their minds put into an indescribable distraction; yet, consoled with the thought that God had taken him to himself from the struggles, conflicts, and evils of this mortal state, to the enjoyments of those who will prove faithful till death.

Thus has passed away, at the early age of 24 years, a youth who gave promise of great usefulness in the church, had lengthened days. His removal addresses a loud call to our young men to institute the inquiry, Who among them, is actuated by his

spirit, and is influenced by his principles? The church much needs to be leavened with earnest and devoted labourers for Christ, both at home and abroad. Who, then, will stand up and supply the place of the dead? Who, among you mothers, will emulate the mother of the deceased in consecrating their sons on the altar of Christianity to the work of the Lord?

Let the appeal addressed to the members of the church in the sudden removal by death of young and heroic heralds of the cross, awaken those at ease in Zion, to enlist themselves under the standard of Christ, ere the night of death close in upon them, in a worldly, heartless indifference to the cause of God and of his Christ in a sin-stricken world.

Let it not be thought that in this short and meagre narrative of the deceased student, the writer has been in the smallest degree colouring the history presented. For, in its close, let me show the estimate formed of his character by a scholarly and intelligent Christian man, who wrote to his friends after the lifeless body was confined. He states:—"We are happy to assure you of the very high esteem and regard entertained for our departed friend, by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His well disciplined mind, combining extensive and useful knowledge, with talent and industry,—his unassuming character, his kindly and humane disposition, and courteous manner, won for him an enviable place among us. We mourn with you the too early close of a life evidently devoted, with high and earnest purpose, to all that is pure and right, and of good report. We cannot forget him, but shall cherish his memory." So let it be with all who love to behold even faint traces of the Saviour's image restored on our fallen nature. For, without love to that image, we have no evidence of love to Him who came to seek and save the lost.

Calls.

Rev. Edward Grant has accepted a call from the congregation of Steviacke; Mr. John C. Meek, from the congregation of Cheboque and Yarmouth; Mr. John Murray from New London South and Granville.

Mr. John M. Allan has been called to Chatham, and Mr. John Sutherland is being called to West Bay, C. B.

Mr. J. C. Meek has declined a call from Acadia Mines; Mr. John Murray has refused acceptance of a call from Cape North, and Mr. A. F. Thompson from Jerusalem and Nerepis.