

self-relying and capable of forming a clear view and an accurate judgment on any topic to which he bent his mind, and always firm and unvarying in his opinion when once he had formed it.

As a minister of the New Testament, Mr. Walker was deservedly appreciated alike by his own congregation and all others, who either stately or occasionally enjoyed the privileges of waiting on his ministrations. His sermons manifested much care and close application in his study. He never neglected the important and imperative duty of faithful preparation for the pulpit. Even his week evening lectures were carefully prepared. Such preparation not only inured his mind to close habits of thought but always imparted a freshness and force to his public ministrations, and rendered him a more useful and acceptable preacher. His improvement with each succeeding year, but especially during the last, was very marked and most beneficial to his people, while he, doubtless, was much gratified by the steady increase of the congregation, and more than all, by its increased attention to the messages of love and truth he so earnestly delivered. The congregation had increased so much that greater church accommodation was found necessary, and at the very time he was so suddenly cut down, preparations were being prosecuted for building a new and enlarged church.

The known purity of his heart and life insured for him the confidence and unqualified respect of the entire Christian community. So universal was the high esteem in which he was held as a minister and as a man, in the town of Sarnia, that all religious persuasions paid him the highest respect while living, and on the day of his funeral, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, and all other denominations in common with his own congregation closed their places of business during the funeral solemnities, thus testifying that they felt as though the town of Sarnia had sustained a heavy loss in the death of so good and blameless a Christian gentleman.

In the Presbytery by his brethren, Mr. Walker was as highly respected, as he was by the members of his own congregation. He had, because he deserved it, the confidence of all his brethren, the best proof of which is found in the fact that he held the office of Clerk in the Presbytery of London for several years past, the duties of which he performed to the entire satisfaction of the Court and the best interests of the Church.

It seems as though God had completed his work *in him and by him* sooner than the Church on earth was ready to part with him; for the general regret expressed alike by his people and his brethren, proves that while the Lord took him, we could ill spare him.

It must be truly gratifying, however, to surviving friends and relatives on both sides of the Atlantic, to feel that Mr. Walker had done so much for Christ, and Christ had done so much for him, and in him, and by him before he removed him from the Church on earth to the Church in Glory. In his holy life and faithful labours it may be truly said of David Walker that "he being dead yet speaketh."

At the request of the Session, the Rev. Dr. Robert Irvine, of Hamilton, the only minister in Canada who knew Mr. Walker from his childhood, kindly consented to preach to the bereaved congregation on the Sabbath following the funeral.

He accordingly preached two eloquent and appropriate discourses to large and sympathizing audiences, that in the morning being from John xvii, 24, and in the evening from Phil. ii, 1. At the conclusion of the morning service he gave the congregation a slight sketch of their late pastor's early life. The whole services on the occasion were most impressive and affecting, and will long be remembered by the mourning congregation to whom they were addressed.