

there should be no hard and fast rule. It may be admitted that under ordinary circumstances Paul's rule is a good one: "this one thing I do." But that there is anything wrong in a pastor engaging also in business if he finds it necessary, cannot be proved by Scripture. Paul we know had a trade; and for a time worked at it, "laboring with his hands that he might not be chargeable to them." Certain it is if the young Aaron Slaght had waited on his graduation from the Seminary at Montreal, until he had been assured of a salary, or had been appointed by a Mission Board, the history of the Baptist cause in this vicinity would have been sadly different. And might not the method pursued by Mr. Slaght help the solution of the Home Mission problem as it confronts us in the vast regions of New Ontario that are opening up for settlement, as well as in Manitoba and the North-West? I believe that the principles that led to the foundation of Prairie College by the late Dr. Crawford, never received from the denomination the consideration that their importance demands.

In his relation to his brethren in the ministry Mr. Slaght was cordial, sympathetic, and honorable. Never did I hear him make an unkind or disparaging remark about any of his brethren. To every young pastor coming into the association he proved himself a friend and counsellor. I received recently a letter from Rev. Dr. Carey of St. John, N.B., in which he testified to the help he had derived from the sympathetic friendship of Elder Slaght, when he, in his student days, spent a summer in Norfolk County; and which, he says "has colored and influenced my whole life." His home, too, was ever open to his brethren; he was "given to hospitality;" and among those who enjoyed that hospitality was his friend and fellow-laborer, the late Dr. Fyfe, who, during his closing years spent more than one vacation in Waterford as the guest of Mr. Slaght.

It was the privilege of our departed friend to be permitted to labor on almost to the last. He had just arranged for a series of revival services at the Round Plains church when he was laid aside by sickness. There did not seem to be present any special disease, but a general breaking up of his, until now, vigorous constitution. His end was peace. He passed away June 3rd last, to enter, as we confidently believe, into that "rest which remains for the people of God."

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