

ous duties, could not rally; but the summons that called him home found him at his post, and ready for his departure. After a short illness Mr. Hunt calmly, and in reliant trust upon the merits of his Saviour, closed his eyes to the scenes of time, and on the 23d day of October entered into the joy of his Lord, in that bright home where care and trouble are unknown, and where the inhabitant never says "I am sick."

The death of REV. S. JOHNSTON NEILLY, A. M., took place at Tremont, Aylesford, on Monday evening, Aug. 12th, 1878, at the age of 34 years. For some length of time his health had been declining; but an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs hurried him suddenly away. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss. He was the son of Deacon Jacob Neilly of Meadowvale. At the early age of 15 years he made a public profession of religion, was baptized by the Rev. Dr. Tupper, and united with the Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot Church.

Feeling that he was called of God to preach the Gospel, he pursued a course of study at Wolfville, and graduated in June, 1871. On leaving College, he took charge of the Church at North Sydney, C. B., where he was ordained Pastor the following September, there he remained for a little more than a year, when failing health, brought on by over exertion, compelled him to resign his charge, but not without deep regret both on the part of the Pastor and the Church. After spending a winter in Richmond, Virginia, and resting for a time at home, he took the pastoral care of the Church at Canning, Cornwallis, where he faithfully performed his work for three years. In that field Bro. Neilly greatly endeared himself to the church and to the people generally, but his health became so impaired that he was forced to resign his office and leave the place. This was a very severe trial, both to himself and his very amiable Christian wife, as well as to the people to whom he had ministered in holy things. The last winter and spring were spent in Lawrence, Kansas, with the hope of benefiting his health. On his return to his native land, it was apparent that his public work on earth was done, and so it proved. The Master called his servant to come up higher. The victory was his, and peaceably he passed away, to enjoy the service of the upper sanctuary; for "there," as our brother said in a few hours before his departure, "His servants shall serve him."

His Christian life was characterized by a firm trust in Christ. In the bright sunshine of life, and in the day of adversity, his faith was as an anchor to the soul, it never failed.

His gifts as a minister were of a peculiar type. There was richness of thought, marked with originality, and presented in a peculiarly sweet and comforting style, which rendered all his public ministrations attractive and profitable to God's people. His godly life was a lesson to all, and the influence exerted in the community was powerful for good. Being one of the "sweet singers in Israel," genial and sympathizing in his nature, he was a favorite everywhere in the family circle. In the school, employed as teacher, in the church as Pastor, and among his brethren as a minister, he gained the confidence and love of all. His early removal from the work he loved so well, and for which he was so well qualified, is one of the secret things yet to be revealed. Jesus says, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." Our work is not perhaps measured so accurately by the length of time employed, as by the manner in which it is performed. Our Brother did much in a short time.