

What a sudden squall coming on, was sufficient to lead to so sad a catastrophe, and launch three youths of great promise and much beloved, into an untimely grave.

It was as it were but the work of a moment; a few minutes previously they were heard singing most joyously—they were seen from the shore to get into the trough of the sea, which at the spot is influenced by several strong currents—the rudder would appear to have become unshipped—the boat became unmanageable—the waves washed over and filled it, and in an incredibly short space of time, it sunk with its three occupants in deep water and has not since been seen! The calamity cast quite a gloom over the city. Several attempts were made to recover the bodies without success. They ultimately however rose to the surface and were secured by the friends of the parents and brought up to Longueuil, and thence were conveyed to Montreal and consigned to the home appointed for all living on the 25th Sept. We copy from the *Montreal Witness* an account of the Funeral, which excited a deep interest, and drew together, at Zion Church, a large company of sympathising friends. How needful to remember the injunction, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!" May the living lay this to heart, and may the sudden and awful death of these three promising youths be the life of many careless ones, who were dead in trespasses and sins. The event was sought to be improved to the living by two sermons preached in Hamilton on Sunday the 22nd Sep. from the text—morning, 2 Corinthians, iv., 17, 18; evening, 2 Samuel, xii., 22, last clause; and on Sunday morning 29th Sept, by the Rev. Mr. Gibson at Zion Church, Montreal, from 1 Cor. xiii., 12th verse.

FUNERAL.—Yesterday afternoon took place the funeral of John Henry Barton, son of C. J. Barton, of this city, and Thomas Pullar, son of Rev. Thomas Pullar, two of the three young men who were drowned on the 13th instant off Pointe-aux-Trembles, while sailing. The remains of the two young men were conveyed to Zion Church, where were assembled a considerable number of persons, anxious to be present at obsequies of so sad an interest, and stirring feelings of such peculiar sorrow and regret. The body of young Pasche having been found first, had been interred on Saturday in that portion of the cemetery set apart for the French Canadian Missionary Society but his father and mother attended the funeral service of Messrs. Pullar and Barton as if it also included their own son. Rev. Mr. Pullar, from Hamilton, was also present, and Mr. and Mrs. Barton from Longueuil, with a large gathering of sympathising friends. Many had already taken their seats, when the coffins were carried up the central aisle, and deposited near the steps of the Communion. The pulpit and choir were draped in mourning, and, when all had taken their seats,

The Rev. Professor Cornish in the absence of Dr. Wilkes at the American Board, read the impressive words of the Burial Service, and afterwards delivered a brief and suitable address, touching on the solemn lessons of life and death, especially the latter, solemn, he said, under any circumstances, but when approaching, as in this instance, suddenly and in strange form, being extremely awful; two young men struck down in early manhood and taken away in a moment while in the pursuit of innocent pleasure. The lesson to be learned from this catastrophe, was, to live from hour to hour, relying upon the protecting care of the Almighty, and in a state of preparedness for death whenever it might come. The surviving relatives and friends were hereby taught to submit to and receive chastisement. So receiving it, they might hereafter have to say they adh reason to bless Providence which had thus called them to pass through scenes so dark, inscrutable, and distressing.

After prayer and the benediction, the bodies were removed from the church, and the funeral procession, which was of considerable length, having been formed, it proceeded up Beaver Hall to Mount Royal cemetery. Both coffins were lowered into one grave in a very beautiful part of the grounds; and a very touching and appropriate prayer was offered over it for the surviving relatives and friends of the deceased by the Rev. Dr. Irvine, of Knox Church, formerly of Hamilton, a friend of both families.