

may say still, and there are very few in the ministry of whom it may not be said. They were not *pecuniary* considerations which *finally* led us to leave; this we stated to the church and congregation distinctly; though had we known at midsummer what we knew at midwinter of our Eramosa friends' intentions, when *we did not know* of Liverpool and its wants, what we learned by a visit to it in September, possibly the result might have been different. We were in considerable pecuniary difficulty in summer, though, be it understood, not from the Eramosa Church not meeting their engagements, for they met them all. This much I deem it due to them to say.

I fully endorse the following: "The true principle is, for every member of the Church to consider what God has given to him, and what portion he can devote to God and His Church." The fact that they were meeting their *engagements* with me and more, and doing what seemed to me laudable for the amount of labour the Church received, and for the few there are of them, rendered it very delicate on my part to ask for more so soon after my settlement, and before I really knew the circumstances of the people. When in these circumstances a large field for usefulness offered, with the prospect of better support, though involving (not in this case "no extra labour") but much more labour, that question, which in June and August was *mixed* with pecuniary considerations, in December, by reason of the revealed intentions of the Eramosa friends, became a question involving purely considerations of usefulness; for it was then evident, that so far as money was concerned, if there was any preference, it was in favour of Eramosa. It will afford me much pleasure at some future time when I have opportunity, to furnish you with a few interesting facts and incidents connected with the work of God amongst us. In the meantime I remain, &c.

Liverpool, May 15th, 1867.

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Obituary.

MR. SAMUEL EBBS.

On 6th June, 1867, at Ashley, Missouri, Samuel, the only and much-loved son of Rev. Edward Ebbs, of Aurora, Illinois, died by drowning, in the 21st year of his age. Many a heart has been shocked and saddened by these mournful tidings, and it is no easy task for us to fulfil the request of the bereaved parents, by recording some particulars of the life and death of one known to so many of our brotherhood, and loved wherever known.

"It appears," writes the father to the grandfather, that a young man from Louisiana—not the State of that name, but a town in the State of Missouri—"was our dear son's companion to the *Quiver*, as the creek is called in which he was drowned. This young man had not yet gone into the stream, when Samuel cried '*Help!*' He sank and rose again, and quickly disappeared to rise no more, before any assistance could be given. It was a moment's struggle, and all consciousness of peril and death was over, and the happy spirit awoke in sweet surprise on the happy shores of Immortality!"

"The friends of Louisiana were remarkably considerate," our brother continues "in advance of the receipt of my telegram instructing the landlord there to obtain and forward the remains, he had procured the case and engaged a bear-se to go for the body—17 miles. The Rev. Mr. Hamlen, Congregational minister of the town, went with it, and saw to every little matter that could afford us relief—even thinking to cut off a lock of hair for us. The landlord of the hotel where Samuel boarded, at Louisiana, came with the body thence to this city, in order to give us all the satisfaction that free conversation respecting all particulars could afford. We had given up all hope of receiving the precious remains of our dear boy, when yesterday, (10th June,) about 4 P.M., a telegram informed us that the corpse was on the train that would arrive here at 7 P.M. Every arrangement