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DEATH OF REV. DR. BURNS.

Most of our readers will have heard, before these paragraphs meet their eyes, of the death of the venerable Dr. Burns. The event took place on the morning of Thursday, 19th ult., in Knox College, in which, with his family, he was residing for a few days before entering into a house of his own. He had returned from Scotland on Thursday, 5th, apparently in excellent health, and in good spirits. He preached on the evening of the following Sabbath in Gould Street Church, of which he was a member. With his usual zeal for work, especially for preaching, he undertook to preach on Sabbath, 15th, in two of the churches of the city, and also in Knox Church on Sabbath, 22nd. But his working days were coming to an end, and these engagements, so readily entered into, were not to be fulfilled. The evening of Wednesday, 11th, he spent in company with his son, Dr. R. F. Burns, and a few friends, at the house of the Rev. W. Gregg, and was, as usual, genial and pleasant. During the night he was seized with a chill, which returned in an aggravated degree on the forenoon of Friday 13th. Medical aid was called in, and it was hoped for some days that he would soon recover from what seemed to be simply a bilious disorder. But although he rallied repeatedly, the improvement was only temporary; and, notwithstanding all that medical skill and affectionate attention could do, the disease still kept firm hold of its victim, and, as already stated, he ceased from suffering, and entered into rest, on the morning of the 19th. During the latter part of his illness he was unconscious, and from the first he was happily exempted from bodily pain. His son had left Toronto and returned to Chicago, but