

ed under the guardianship of a pious and worthy family named Gould from whom he received a careful and religious upbringing. It was not, however, till about the 25th year of his age, that he experienced the great saving change, and openly avowed himself to be on the Lord's side.

About 1809 he removed to the State of New York, where he remained for nine years. He then in 1818 emigrated with his wife and children to Canada, where after a temporary residence at different places, on the Grand River he settled down permanently in 1823, on the spot where the village of Dunnville now stands. Here for a number of years, the Indians who roamed through the unbroken forest were his only neighbors, there being no white settlers within many miles of the place. For many years there were of course no public means of grace for him or his family to enjoy, but he nevertheless always kept the lamp of family and personal religion burning, and it was indeed "as a light shining in a dark place." At length after the influx of other settlers an American Presbyterian Congregation was formed, of which he became an active and efficient member. On that congregation ceasing to exist, Missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, visited the locality, and the present congregation was organized. At its formation, Mr. Minor united with it and was immediately thereafter chosen as an Elder. As a member and an office-bearer he was earnestly devoted to the cause of Christ, and the congregation at Dunnville may perhaps be said to owe its present position, under God, more to Mr. Minor than to any other single individual. To the very last he spent much of his time and put forth active efforts to promote its wellbeing. During the last twelve years of his life he was by appointments of Session its representative elder in Presbytery and Synod. He felt deeply interested in all the movements of our Zion, and was very rarely absent from a meeting of these courts of the Church. In his Christian walk Mr. Minor was highly exemplary. He was a man of prayer, of mild disposition, and of thorough integrity, "exercising himself to have always a conscience void of offence, toward God and toward men." He was a careful observer of God's dealings, and his conversation was rich with the results of Christian experience. His knowledge of Divine truth was extensive and accurate, and was mainly the result of his own careful and prayerful study of the word of God. We have met with very few who were more familiar than he with the contents of the Bible. With him it was a daily habit to read it in regular course in private as well as at the family altar; and a memorandum written by himself, shows that during the last 18 years of his life he read the whole Scriptures through no fewer than 24 times.

During the month of August last, he left home in his usual health in company with his son to spend a week or two at Alpena, in Michigan, intending thereafter to return. Shortly after his arrival there, however, he was attacked with diarrhoea, from which neither medical skill nor friendly care was able to rescue him. It was soon evident that "the sickness was unto death." The call was sudden, and it came upon him far from his home, and his nearest kindred (though he was in the hands of kind friends), but it did not find him unprepared. "He knew whom he had believed." During his illness he was able to speak but very little; for he sank rapidly. He was conscious, however, that death was approaching. He expressed to those around him his faith in the Saviour, and his willingness and readiness to die. He gave directions about his burial, and then calmly and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. His death took place on the 31st of August. The intelligence of it was received at Dunnville, by all classes with deep regret. It was felt by many to be a personal bereavement. The blank occasioned by it in the congregation it will be difficult to fill. When such men pass away from the ranks of the church below the prayer of the psalmist rises to our lips—"Help Lord for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

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