

Who shall "point the moral" of such a consummation, or "adorn the tale" of such a career! It is itself vocal with instruction; it is itself pregnant with influence; it is itself radiant with light. "He, being dead, yet speaketh." The chief survivor and the kinship-circle and the friendship-circle need no studied condolence or comfort. Such a husband, such a father, such a friend and brother is a precious legacy. Such a name that Christ engraved on his own hands, and now emblazoned on the tablets of immortality, casts contempt on all earthly honours and human eulogies, and abides in the heart like Eden's fragrance or heaven's own lingering harmony. A little while, and you shall rejoin him; for a little while follow him; he is now one of the great cloud of witnesses that surround and survey you; cast away every incumbrance, and look steadfastly to the Author and Finisher of your faith, till he returns with his saints to finish redemption and open his final heaven.

In such a pulpit estimate as this, the bereaved church must not be forgotten. The church that could not appreciate such an accession and such a departure, would not be entitled to church name and rank. My brethren: the oldest brother on our roll is gone, the patriarch of our Israel is ascended. This church's primary deacon is with Christ in paradise. Let us thank the great source of our endowments and enjoyments that such a member and such an officer was so long ours; and let us prove ourselves worthy of our origin and progress and principles, by fidelity to our Head. I think myself honoured to have been the beloved pastor, the sixth and last pastor, of such a Christian; but I will not here detail my intercourse with him, or his demonstrations to myself. Let us pray and strive that we may be as he was in genuine piety, in humility and love, in spirituality and consistency, in activity and efficiency, in perseverance and progress. The grace of God that alone can make us such, and that alone we glorify in him, should be all our trust and strength, and wealth and joy.

My beloved young friends of this church and congregation: I entreat your earnest study of a life of such worth, that began in early manhood, so that yours may be a life like his; and since I cannot at present dilate upon the lessons to yourselves that are now suggested, I affectionately invite you to ponder them with me here, on next Lord's day morning.

To all that are unsaved, I commend this proof and illustration of the preciousness and power of true religion. Without this, James Wickson would have been nothing; with it, he is the honour of the church and the beloved of God. What could earth without God avail him now; and what can it avail you, if you postpone salvation, neglect Christ, and become the cast-away of Heaven? O come to Christ, who loved you and died for you, who reigns and pleads for you, who all day long spreads out his hands to receive you. Come to Christ, who casts no comer out; and come now, for only now he calls.

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## Gleanings.

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THE HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN has attracted the attention of the Massachusetts Board of Education, and their last report contains important statistics as to the exhausting effects of over-exertion of the brain. In one school of 86 pupils, only 54 had refreshing sleep, 59 had headache or constant weariness, and only 15 were perfectly well. The cause of this is thus accounted for. The most celebrated medical men, according to facts and opinions given in the report, say that the hours devoted to brain-work should not exceed six hours for healthy men, and three hours for children. But in the above school it was found in addition to the six hours of school, 31 studied three and a half hours, 33, four hours, and 12, from four to seven hours. The report states that in places where schools are in highest reputation, the above example is the common experience.