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NOTICE OF THE LATE DR. FERRIER.

This excellent man and able minister died at his residence, near Caledonia, on the morning of Saturday, the 27th of April, after an illness of only a few days. He had not long to wait, after ceasing to work in the vineyard of his loved and gracious Lord, till he was called away to his heavenly home, there to receive and enjoy "the recompense of reward." There intervened but one Sabbath on which his voice, as a preacher of "the glorious gospel," was unheard in the sanctuary below; and on that day he worshipped with "the Church in his house," and preached by his patience to his family and friends. On the previous Sabbath, April 14th, he preached to his people from Hebrews x. 26, 27, and "never," says one, "did he preach with more power than on that day." But ere the second earthly Sabbath came round, the heavenly Sabbath had set in whose sun knows no setting; and, through the merits of his Redeemer, he had entered the upper sanctuary, where the services never cease, and where the worshippers never fall sick and never feel weary. A truly good and great man has fallen in Israel. And while his family and his many friends, and the Church of which he was an honoured minister, may submissively lament their loss, it would be selfish and very sinful, because indicting the Divine procedure, to begrudge the dear departed the earliness of his great and eternal gain. For him to be with Christ is unquestionably "far better" than, bearing about with him a body of sin and death, to be struggling on in the midst of a heartless world. And all those sacred and tender interests, which it was his heart's love and his life's labour to subserve, we must leave,—and may confidently leave,—in the hands of Him whose resources of wisdom and power and grace are infinite.