

they earnestly pray that the event may be so sanctified to them as that it shall be the means of leading them to greater concern as to their own personal salvation and spiritual advancement, and to more zealous devotedness in the service of Jesus Christ."

"Further, the Members of this Court express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Burns and family, and the other relatives, under their sad bereavement; and resolve to send them an extract of this minute."

The Minute has been sent to me, and it has been duly communicated to all the members of the weeping circle, and it now holds a place deservedly among the family papers. The card enclosing it concludes in the following appropriate terms:—

"With deepest sympathy,

believe me, Sir,

yours,

W. BARCLAY McMURRICH,

Clerk."

My son had just entered on the discharge of the official duties connected with the deaconship when it pleased the great Disposer of events to remove him to the church above. To my dear partner and myself, the stroke has been sudden and severe; but we bow to it submissively, and anticipate a blessed re-union with those who are "*not lost but gone before.*"

R. B.

*Note by the Editor.*—In harmony with the spirit of the above extract, we may here insert the testimony borne in favor of Mr. Burns by two of our Provincial papers. From the *Globe* of January 6th, 1868:—

"Very many of our readers will peruse with sorrow the announcement of the death of Mr. W. H. Burns, Barrister, youngest son of Rev. Dr. Burns. Mr. Burns was seized about a fortnight ago with inflammation of the lungs, and during the last week hovered between life and death. The hope entertained up to Friday last that his naturally strong constitution would triumph over his disease, proved to be fallacious, and on Saturday night, at 10 o'clock, he expired. His father was absent on a preaching tour when he was taken ill, but was fortunately able to return in time, and his brother, Rev. R. F. Burns, of Chicago, was also present at the closing scene. Mr. Burns was an able and honest lawyer, devoted to his profession, and zealous in the discharge of every duty which devolved upon him. His political friends will feel his departure deeply, and will ever remember with grateful feelings his zealous services; but their loss is slight compared with that of his family, who mourn in him a most tender and devoted son, husband, and father."

From the *Brantford Expositor* of January 17th, 1868:—

"DEATH OF WILLIAM H. BURNS, ESQ., BARRISTER, TORONTO.—The *Toronto* papers of last week, announced the death of W. H. Burns, Esq., a gentleman well known and highly respected by many in the town of Brantford. Mr. Burns was for several years a resident of our town, when employed in the office of our County Clerk, Mr. Cameron, and during his stay, gathered around him many warm friends and admirers, who sincerely mourn his death. He was cut down in the very prime of life, and at a time when everything connected with his business and public position, indicated a long and prosperous career. To his aged father, the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Knox's College, we tender our sincere sympathy, and we are sure that of many of our readers, who grieve with him, in this sad and unexpected bereavement."