

ing in his preparation. He seemed to realize the greatness of the work. For some years he was a deacon and trustee but resigned these offices some time before his death.

His life was a singularly even and steady one, but he had his troubles. In 1880, on July 24th, he suffered a heavy loss: his loving and devoted wife was taken from him, and he was left alone with his grief. He had no children to console him, but he experienced at this time that the Holy Spirit was a real comforter. He had besides another source of comfort, the pleasant memories of a happy married life with one who had loved him with an unchanging affection. After the lapse of two years he was united in marriage on May 24th, 1882, to Miss Sarah Summers. Miss Summers was a member of his Bible class, and their union was a happy one. Their married life lasted nearly seventeen years. Four children were given to them, two daughters and two sons.

Mr. Burns was one of my intimate friends, and it was a great shock to me, when I read in one of the city papers that he had passed out of this world. I was in the habit of calling at his office once a week, and was there on Tuesday, Feb. 14th; we had a short talk, but neither of us would have believed that it was our last in this world. On the following Wednesday evening, he left the office at 5.30, apparently in his usual health. He spent the evening with his family; at 10 o'clock he had family worship. He read a chapter of the Bible and then knelt down to pray; but soon stood up and told his wife that one side of his body was numb. Shortly after he lost consciousness, and on Friday, Feb. 17th, about 11 o'clock at night, he entered into rest.

His funeral took place on the following Monday, when a service was held in Jarvis St. church. The pastor, Rev. B.D. Thomas, was, to his great regret, prevented by illness from being present. His place was taken by Rev. Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster University, and Rev. Elmore Harris. The service was a most impressive one and was largely attended, not only by members of Baptist churches, but by many belonging to the printing and publishing business, who came to testify their esteem and deep regret. His body was laid away in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.