

brought them nearer to the church. Although it fell to the lot of Charles to enjoy his new home but a short time, he derived great happiness from it—it furnished him increasing satisfaction to provide added comforts and conveniences for his loved ones, for whom no sacrifice on his part was too great.

Just before his removal he had a third attack of indigestion, but slighter than the previous ones.

These periods of indisposition were overcome and health was improved. Still, entire rest from business for a time was the thing needed. How could this be obtained? A man who had always enjoyed good health was not easily persuaded to turn his attention to physical recuperation; it was not easy to break away from a business of which he had been so long the manager, and removing to and settling in a new home made health-seeking all the more difficult.

Charles continued at the helm of affairs, giving all the attention that strength would permit. The crowning act of his life was the thoughtful, energetic project which gave rise to the erection of a spacious office building, which included a library, reading-room, and public hall, for the special use of the employees. He had a sympathetic regard for all those who labored under him, and delighted in doing what he could for their comfort and well-being. It was always a joy to him to increase the wages of a worthy servant and promote those who merited advance. Charles had a remarkable faculty for managing men, and was a good judge of human nature; but his greatest force was a winning personality, which often kept men about him when they had strong inducements to go elsewhere.

The new year 1884 opened auspiciously; but two weeks had not rolled around when our beloved friend was laid up for a few days with an attack of pleurisy. This over, he was back to work again; but only for a few days—his hours of business were near to a close. No one could feel that his work was so nearly done; later plans were not fully completed. Still, busy, unwavering, ever-hopeful Charles accomplished a life-work before he reached his thirty-sixth birthday, and lived to see the establishment with which he was connected stand at the head of all similar concerns in the Dominion, and possessed with elaborate appointments and equipments. On the 26th day of January he felt a severe cold coming upon him, though he remained at the office till