

adorning the doctrine of his God and Saviour, at last died a short time ago in the faith and hope of the Gospel.

More than ordinarily attached to his children, on their growing up, he saw and felt, as a matter of solemn duty, that, remaining in England, they must be parted. For the sake of his family—that they might be kept together, his thoughts were first turned to emigrate to one or other of the Colonies, to secure a home for them on a farm. He at last resolved on coming to Canada, and forthwith resigned his charge in Warkworth amid mutual regrets. He found a home for his family not far from the shores of Lake Huron, in the neighborhood of one of our congregations, then under the pastoral care of Mr. Logie. A few months after, the same year of his arrival, the minister of Bayfield Road congregation, on account of the extent of his field, felt himself compelled to resign his charge of that congregation into the hands of the Presbytery. Having abundant opportunities of learning the ministerial gifts of Mr. Duncan, a unanimous call was tendered to him, which, after mature deliberation, was accepted. The year 1854 saw him inducted into the pastorate of the congregation. His labors were pursued in their midst, with the same quiet diligence on his part, and with the same unity and peace, the same affectionate respect and confidence on the part of the congregation, as in England. After a ministry of 16 years in Canada, increasing infirmity constrained him to resign his charge into the hands of the Presbytery in June last. For many years he had suffered from a painful affection in his eyes; so much so, at one time, as to lead to the interruption of his studies when attending the University; and, more or less, he continued to feel this weakness to the close of his life. A few years ago he was afflicted with a partial failure of memory, which caused him to lay aside his former habit of preaching from notes, and write his sermons fully out and read them to his people. This was followed, no long time after, with a tendency to asthma, accompanied with such bodily weakness as almost entirely to unfit him for active exertion. Six months only had elapsed from his resignation when the great summons came—and the time and the manner of its approach most singularly in accordance with his previously-expressed desires. In conversation, not long before, on death, and the well-grounded hopes of the Christian in connection with that event, among other remarks he stated that now that his work and usefulness were well nigh over, he had a desire that his release might come speedily, as he was anxious that, through helplessness from the increasing infirmities of age, he might not prove a burden to the loved members of his family; he remarked also his desire to be exempted from the sufferings of a protracted death-bed, as at all times he had shrunk with peculiar sensitiveness from pain; but he quickly added, "These are my weaknesses; 'the will of the Lord,' in this as all else, 'be done.'" The loving Saviour sympathized with the weakness of His servant, and granted him the desires of his heart. On Sabbath, the 8th of January, he was worshipping with the Church below; before the dawn of another day he was worshipping with the Church above. On returning to his family he made no complaints, seemed in his usual health, discharged the ordinary duties of the Christian father, and retired at his usual hour to bed. Towards midnight he seemed to have been seized with an attack of asthma. He was in the act of rising to secure some medicine to relieve his breathing. Mrs. Duncan persuaded him to remain in bed till she went for the medicine desired, first helping to support him, with the aid of pillows, in a sitting position, as more easy for his breathing; and so calm was he, and seemingly unconscious of what was just at hand, noticing that Mrs. Duncan, in her haste to bring relief, was