

The next morning a majority of the shops in the vicinity of the Tabernacle were closed, as a mark of respect to the dead minister, and the buildings very generally bore mourning emblems. The funeral services opened at 11 o'clock. The members of Mr. Spurgeon's family, the Mayor of Croydon, several members of the House of Commons, Lady Burdett-Coutts and deputations from sixty religious bodies were among those present.

Glowing Tribute.

After the singing of the last hymn that Mr. Spurgeon had announced before he was taken sick, "The sands of time are sinking," the Rev. Dr. Pierson, the American minister who filled Mr. Spurgeon's pulpit during the latter's illness, made a most eloquent address. He dwelt at length upon Mr. Spurgeon's powerful influence. A cedar of Lebanon had fallen, he said, and the crash of its downfall had shocked the whole land. No such vast vacancy had been felt in the Church for a century.

Dr. Pierson concluded his remarks by drawing parallels between the work done by Mr. Spurgeon and that performed by John Wesley. After the offering of prayers and the singing of hymns, Dr. Pierson pronounced the benediction.

The olive-wood coffin containing the remains was then taken from the catafalque, upon which it had rested since Monday night, and conveyed to the hearse in waiting at the main entrance of the tabernacle. As it was borne down the aisle the entire congregation