

be reached. It is where genuine piety reigns, and in such cases alone, that we have reason to expect that there will be no wearying in well-doing; but, on the contrary, a steady perseverance in duty which requires much patience, self-denial, and sacrifice; which must be prosecuted in the face of discouragements from the world, notwithstanding the ingratitude of those in whose behalf the effort may be made, and with little even of the sympathy of those from whose principles better things might have been expected. It is the love of the Saviour that can sustain the mind in these and still more trying circumstances, and animate his fainting disciple by the recollection that it is to him that the service is to be performed, and that he does not overlook nor despise the humblest work of faith or labour of love.

Let persons possessed of qualifications such as these be sought out in our congregations, where they are not already employed. We have no doubt that they may be found; and we trust that, notwithstanding the lowly opinion which they may entertain of themselves, they will not refuse to answer the call of the church.

Having been associated for a winter with the late Professor Esson in his College labours at Toronto, we cordially concur in the following tribute to his memory. Want of space prevents us from extending the extract so as to embrace the statement by Dr. Burns also.

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DEATH OF THE REV. PROFESSOR ESSON.

We little thought, when, in our last issue, we announced the death of Mr. Burns, that in this number it was to be our melancholy duty to make a similar intimation regarding one who was so eminently useful, and generally beloved, as Professor Esson; yet, so it is. Mr. Esson ceased from his labors, and entered into rest, on Wednesday, the 11th May, and his mortal remains were conveyed to the Necropolis on the Saturday following, attended by a large number of the city Clergy and other friends. The body has since been removed to Montreal, where he laboured for twenty-seven years, as minister in St. Gabriel Street Church.

We cannot give, just now, as full an account of the life and labors of Professor Esson as we could wish, but in the

meantime subjoin the following testimonies to his worth and devoted zeal, from the Rev. Dr. Willis and Dr. Burns.—These were parts of discourses delivered, with a reference to the sad event, in the two churches in this city, on Sabbath, the 15th ultimo. The Rev gentlemen who offer this tribute to Professor Esson's memory, were associated for several years with him in his energetic labors in Knox's College; and we are sure, that what they say from personal acquaintance, and a high appreciation of his excellent qualities, will be readily concurred in by all who had the privilege of being admitted to share in his friendship, or who had the honor of sitting at his feet as he discharged his academic duties in the halls of learning.

Dr Willis closed his discourse, from Romans v. 17, by saying—

"The latest event indeed was not so strikingly sudden; though the end of a long illness in the case of our departed friend, Professor Esson, came with somewhat of an unexpected rapidity, and so far we were taken, here also, by surprise. I had the satisfaction to be present with the deceased at the solemn moment when the spirit was taking its departure, and joined with the near and dear relatives in commending him to the Saviour in whom he trusted. I had again and again offered prayer with him previously, not without the impression that he was a dying man. He is gone! and the cordial regret simultaneously uttered by a large circle of friends bears testimony to the void which his death is felt to have made in the community, and to the high esteem which his dispositions and virtues had secured for him in the hearts of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Esson was a man whom it was impossible to know and not to love; for the noble simplicity and ingenuousness of his temper and manners, united with an ardour of spirit which he carried into his professional pursuits, rendering his congenial studies a source of constant enjoyment to himself, and enabling him to interest the hearts as well as minds of students in comparatively abstract speculations; but which never kindled into more fervent enthusiasm, than when his mind dwelt, in the course of his private conversation, or public prelections, on the practical tendencies and prospective issues of the labors of studious men and philanthropists, in accelerating the diffusion of universal happiness, and ameliorating the condition, physical or moral, of the human race.

"I have seldom, if ever, known a man more ingenuous; more superior to whatever is mean or sordid in intention, or sinister and intriguing in mode of action; or with whom it was more manifest that views of personal interest, ambition of power, and