

road. The spot on which he was found being only a very short distance from that on which the conversation had been held, the conclusion is irresistible that in less than five minutes after that conversation he ceased to live. From the fact that his head and neck appeared to be gorged with blood, it is in every way probable that the finding of the Coroner's Jury, ascribing his death to an apoplectic attack, was correct. The news of his death spread rapidly, literally making the entire district a *Bochim*. The large number of people accompanying his remains on the following morning to his parent's residence—a distance of twelve miles—and the still larger assemblage at his interment on the following Monday, evidenced the wide spread and deep impression created by his death. The religious services connected with his interment—which were peculiarly solemn suitable—were conducted by the Rev. A. A. Drummond of Shakspeare, assisted by the Rev. D. Beattie of Millbank.

Such dispensations of a mysterious but wise Providence have undoubtedly a voice—"The man of wisdom—will hear the rod." The young—the most healthy—all are loudly called "to prepare to meet their God," because they "know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning."

PBESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor of the Record.

DEAR SIR,—With your kind leave, I wish to make use of a corner of the *Record* for December, to communicate a few words, first of all respecting the *Presbyterian Sabbath School Visitor*, of the Presbyterian Board at Philadelphia, the terms for which in Canada are given on the cover, I simply desire to say to all the present subscribers for the *Visitor*, and to others who would like to have it in their Sabbath Schools in 1864, that they will please notify me as early as possible, so that I may transmit their orders to Philadelphia. I may be allowed to add that the paper recommends itself when examined, and will very favourably compare with any other, both as to price and quality.

Permit me to take this opportunity of saying a little to your numerous readers on behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, for which I have had the honour of acting for nearly ten years, and in doing this my chief desire has been to diffuse throughout our Church the valuable books sent forth from time to time by the Board. I have no hesitation in saying that the Board has conferred a great boon on their fellow-Presbyterians in Canada, at a large expenditure of their funds; and for this they are surely entitled to our warm gratitude. Nay, some more substantial tribute would be by no means out of place. I will also take it upon me to suggest that there should be a more general call for the excellent publications of the Board, which are so adapted to set forth clearly the doctrines and principles held by us as a Christian Church, and which we believe to be so closely in accordance with the inspired Scriptures. The more that these doctrines and principles are understood, and felt by our people, the more solid, and broad, and enduring will be the foundation on which our Church shall continue to stand. By all means, let us have abundance of Presbyterians, not in the name only, but fully persuaded in their own mind that they occupy right ground, without bigotry or refusal to those around them to think and act in religion according to their conscience.

But I must conclude with saying, that, if spared to labour through another year in the field of usefulness, which Providence has assigned to me in advanced life, it will afford me great happiness to respond to manifold orders for the publications under my charge;—to Sabbath Schools, for which the supplies are large and varied;—to congregational Libraries, of which there should now be