

which he died found him in his pew an attentive listener, but before the shades of evening fell, he passed away without a struggle and joined the church above to celebrate the eternal sabbath. God changed his countenance at once and sent him away, but he being dead yet speaketh. Sterling downright honesty was a feature which marked all his dealings and which none who knew him will ever forget. His word was as good as his bond. If it be true that "an honest man's the noblest work of God" it is true that he was one of nature's nobility. Benevolence was another feature which stood out prominently in his character. People said of him "he was too good, for himself." No one asked assistance which he had power to grant, and was refused. But he shall in no wise lose his reward. Christ shall yet say unto him "Just much as ye did it unto these, ye did it unto me." Regular attendance upon Church ordinances was another feature of his example. Like the psalmist he rejoiced when he was said unto him go ye up into the house of the Lord. He looked upon a day in God's courts as better than a thousand. Be the weather what it might, he if in health was to be seen tottering along staff in hand to the house of God. And many can now say concerning him "we took sweet counsel together, we walked to the house of God in company." But the place that knew him shall know him no more. His voice shall no longer join with the church on earth in singing God's praises, an exercise in which he took extreme delight. But we trust that he has now heard the angels sing—that he is now in the Church of the first born above, arrayed with those light robes which the glorified wear, singing the hallelujah chorus with that great multitude which no man can number, redeemed by the blood of Christ out of every kindred and tongue, and people and nation.

He was spared long, and at last taken suddenly, without ever saying farewell to his friends. And his sudden removal says to each "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

INTERESTING DISCOVERY IN PALESTINE.

The Rev. Dr. Patton, of Chicago, who has been travelling in this country, in a letter dated Edinburgh, June 28, writes:—"Here I may mention an interesting fact in sacred geography, which I learned last evening from the eminent geographer, Mr. Keith Johnstone, of Edinburgh. He has travelled in Palestine, and is engaged with others in measures to secure a complete exploration of that country under British auspices, for which a fund of £10,000 is to be raised by private subscription. A party of friends there, for a preparatory purpose, obtained permission to make excavations. At Mr. Johnstone's suggestion, who believes that Tell Hum is the true site of ancient Capernaum, they dug into the mould, hoping to find the remains of the synagogue there, popularly called the 'White Temple'; and, according to letters just received, were rewarded with complete success, finding the supposed building nearly or quite entire. As this question of the location of Capernaum has been a battle-ground of topographers, these tidings will awaken a fresh interest. Should they prove correct, that will be the only building in which the Saviour actually was when on earth which can be identified at this day. Mr. Johnstone also informs me that a perfectly accurate and complete scientific survey of Jerusalem has been made by Captain Wilson, giving all localities and measurements with the exactness of the British or American coast-survey; and that, but for an unfortunate accident at the last, in the lithographic process, it would have been out at this time. Now it will be delayed for some months, as the work must be done anew. The same parties fixed the depression of the Dead Sea by survey across from the Mediterranean, and found it to correspond within a foot or two of that computed by Lient. Lynch.