

Perhaps the leading characteristic of Mr. Shenston's life was *faithfulness*. Like Hananiah, "he was a faithful man, and feared God above many." This was seen in all the departments of his manifold work. As Sabbath-school superintendent he was only absent from his place three times in twenty-five years. At preaching services and prayer-meetings he was almost always punctually at his post. And so in private and public, his duties were always strictly attended to. To the poor he was a judicious but generous friend. Instances of great interest have come to my knowledge that have helped to embalm his memory more deeply and lovingly in my heart. But from his method of doing, only eternity will reveal the treasures he thus laid up. Like self-made men generally, he carried with him throughout life idiosyncrasies which a liberal education and early friction with student life would have helped to eliminate or modify; but all in all, he was a rare man, and considering his advantages, or disadvantages at the start, made great attainments in self-improvement and left a large legacy of good. If he did err in some respects, and who errs not? his influence and efforts did very much to strengthen and extend the Baptist cause and the cause of Christ, not only in Brantford and Ontario, but in India and the world.

And now since he is gone,—
How many long in vain for that bowed form
Which all men knew so well upon our street;
And fain would have again those greetings warm,
That halted now and then his hurrying feet,—
Not long, for public trusts pressed on his mind,
And schemes that needed brain to pave their way;
While poor and sorrowing ones sought him to find
A heart whercon their heavy cares to lay.
And thus, like Job, the Christly friend of old,
"He made the widow's heart for joy to sing."
While woes and want that were not to him told,
He sought to find, and help and succor bring.
O love that lives in deeds, not words of air;
That follows in the line, laid down of yore,
That does not end in bloom, however fair,