

kindness is as visible in the shortening of its course, as in extending it to its extremest limits. We congratulate those, as being kindly dealt with, who have reached a ripe old age ; we can just as much be grateful when God has contracted its span, and made the human course to be complete in the prime and bloom of youth.

“The departed son of those with whom we so deeply sympathize, was made to finish his course and complete his work in youth. And we know how purely he ran that course ; how faithfully he did that work. Long yearning for the ministerial life, and going through the preparations for it, under much weakness of body and depression of spirit, he attained at length the object of his wishes, and devoted himself to the service of God as His ordained minister. There are many testimonies to the zeal and fervency with which he devoted himself to the duties of that office. There are testimonies throughout the whole circle in which he was known, to his deep and humble piety, his ripe judgment, his unceasing efforts for the welfare of souls, the earnest and impressive character of his public ministrations, his unselfish and unblemished life—to the richest promise of a future of usefulness to God’s church. For such qualities we must deeply lament his loss, and grieve that, in the wide-spread spiritual destitution of this land, we should have to part with one gifted with so many qualifications to supply it.

“But what a comfort to feel that, though removed from us in youth, he was taken away in the midst of his glowing work and rich usefulness ; taken away before the trials—it may be, the temptations—of the world could cloud that purity or chill that fervency. He