

in his side. A medical examination in April resulted in the discovery of a tumor in the stomach. Rapidly it grew and did its work. His sufferings were constant and often excruciating, but he never repined. He saw the end was approaching, and girded himself for it. Ever diligent in urging his people to preparation for death and judgment, although speaking was distressful and painful, when not utterly prostrated with pain and weakness, he was now still more pressing. Few were permitted to leave him without admonition or blessing.

One of his chief sources of pleasure throughout life was the company of his brethren in the ministry. It was a source of satisfaction to him in his last illness that with none of them had he ever "a falling out by the way." For a time he spoke of the nearness of Synod this year, and hoped to be able once more to meet with them; but he could only send his earnest request to be remembered by them in prayer. He was refreshed by the tidings of their kind remembrance of him, and frequent petitions on his behalf.

During the week of Synod, on Friday night, he had an unusually severe attack of pain, and never after seemed able to realize that he was at home. At times when his mind wandered on this subject, he was greatly troubled about how he was to meet his expenses and that of so many of the family as he saw about him, particularly as he remembered that the arrears due him from the congregation were not being paid in, and he felt he could not now rely on them. But he readily submitted his mind to be led to other topics; too often, however, to return to the same distressing subject. On such occasions he used to ask if the Synod had done anything at its meeting for aged ministers.

As the disease advanced speaking became more difficult; and sometimes as he lay in silence his countenance lighted up with a glow which lent it more than the freshness of health, and which, notwithstanding the severity of his sufferings, continued for hours. But he began to long for the end. He was never in the habit of talking much of his own inward experience, or giving expression to the doubts and fears or hopes which he may have entertained. He did not incline to do so in his last illness. But occasionally his state of mind found expression in passages of Scripture or quotations from the metrical version of the psalms or from the paraphrases. One occasion, about a fortnight before his death, after his mind was turned away from that oft recurring subject of anxiety above referred to, to God's goodness and care in the past, and his promises covering the whole future, he

fully assented. Then after a brief silence slowly from the difficulty of speaking, and abstractedly and solemnly, as if away in the very Presence Chamber, he repeated the verses,—

"Great God! afflict not in Thy wrath  
The short allotted span,  
That bounds the few and weary days  
Of pilgrimage to man.

O do not cast me off, when as  
Old age doth overtake me;  
And when my strength decayed is,  
Then do not Thou forsake me.

Oh may the grave become to me  
The bed of peaceful rest,  
Whence I shall gladly rise at length,  
And mingle with the blest!

Cheered by this hope, with patient mind,  
I'll wait Heaven's high decree,  
Till the appointed period come,  
When death shall let me free."

On the evening of Tuesday, July 20th, at half-past eight o'clock, the summons at last came, and the wearied spirit was freed to join the ransomed souls that await in glory the resurrection morning. His remains were carried forth to "the bed of peaceful rest," followed by a company extending along for three quarters of a mile.

Rev. Dr. Roy, New Glasgow, speaking as one who knew him for nearly 40 years, and a brother Presbyter for over 30 years, at the close of his forenoon sermon to the Springville congregation on the following Lord's day, sketched the leading features in the character of the man and the minister, kind and obliging, gentle and peaceable, cheerful and affable, humble and unassuming, diligent, earnest, prompt, and in the interests of his Master fearless. His preaching was grave, earnest, simple, evangelical, and perseveringly doctrinal. Regarding the minister as the messenger of God, with the word of reconciliation, levity in the pulpit and that wisdom of words which tended to interfere with the efficacy of the cross, grieved him. As a pastor he was active, faithful and prudent. In this work he excelled. His visits to the family and sickbed were longed for. He was a valuable, practical, Christian counsellor. He sought the peace of the church. He was a friend of Union, and his services were always attended, and his friendship sought by the members of the other branch of the Presbyterian church in the community. He cherished a deep respect for religious ordinances, and earnestly recommended them to others, particularly the young. Now that he has been called to his account and reward, let us examine ourselves and prepare. The summons of the servant home should lead both his brethren and his people to deep searchings of heart. With this summary of the venerable doctor's remarks we close our article *In Memoriam*.