

one, however, thought anything strange of this practice, as is well known he could not venture far from his premises without being assailed by these wayside pests.

Mr. M. could never boast of a very strong or vigorous constitution nor did he enjoy for many years the best of health. For the last twenty years, at least, he suffered very much from indigestion and biliousness. Still he was seldom laid aside from active duty by sickness, often did he go to the pulpit and attend to his other duties, when he would have been justly excused, had he gone to his bed. Being naturally of a lively and active turn of mind, he was the last man to give up, or to yield to indisposition. He was determined to keep at his post as long as he was able. He attended to his duties till within a very few days of his death.

He preached in his own pulpit the Sabbath previous, with his wonted earnestness and energy. On Sabbath evening he complained of severe headache and indigestion and that night he found little or no rest. Indeed I may say, he slept none from Saturday night till he slept the sleep of death on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Monday and Tuesday he still felt very unwell. He had no appetite and took very little nourishment of any kind. On Tuesday afternoon he drove down to my place a distance of 6 miles and remained till the evening and when he left he seemed considerably revived and thought he would be all right in a few days.

But his Divine Master had determined otherwise. On Wednesday he was no better but rather worse and kept growing worse to the last. Hearing of his continued and serious illness, I went to see him on Friday morning and found him to my sad surprise, already struggling with the last enemy. The first words he said to me, as I entered his room, were these, "You have come to see a dying brother."

I can hardly find language to describe his case—the symptoms of his disease were so unlike anything I had ever before witnessed. The first thing which attracted my attention was his intense nervousness and excitability. His whole nervous system seemed to be completely unstrung. Whilst he was perfectly conscious of all that was transpiring around him, yet he seemed to have no control over his physical powers and especially over the muscles of his throat and mouth. His great dread of water and indeed of all liquids was another thing which sur-

prised me. This sensation of alarm, followed in every instance, by convulsive spasms, at the sight or touch or taste of water, was experienced, for the first time on Wednesday morning, when in the act of washing himself. From that time till he closed his eyes in death, the very sight or even mention of water in his hearing, would throw him into a paroxysm or convulsion, a current or even breath of cold air coming into contact with any part of his body except the hands or face seemed to produce much the same effect. The very sight much more the touch, of any object foreign to himself would bring on these paroxysms. He complained, all the while, of insatiable thirst, and yet he could take nothing not even a teaspoonful of any liquid to quench his thirst and alleviate his sufferings. He had no power to swallow anything after Thursday, and he appeared to be in constant dread of choking or suffocating.

His Physicians, Cox and Smith, did their utmost to give him relief but all their efforts were ineffectual. He could not bear to be left alone for a moment. He wanted to have the members of his household constantly about him. During the brief intervals which elapsed between the spasms, he could talk but with considerable difficulty, and his one theme, on his death-bed as in the pulpit, was 'Christ and Him Crucified' 'His conversation was in heaven and about heavenly things. We spent the greater part of Friday forenoon in religious conversation reading the scriptures and prayer. His spiritual vision was clear and unclouded. His faith was strong and unwavering. He seemed to have a firm hold of Christ and he maintained his hold to the last or, at least, as long as he remained conscious. When asked if he was willing to surrender all for Christ, and at Christ's bidding his reply was "Oh Yes, I know that God who has been with us in the past will be with those I leave behind when I am gone 'I leave all in His hands.'"

Shortly after midday he became quite unconscious. The spasms had now become more regular, frequent, and violent, although there is no foundation for the report, that "it took six men to hold him." His strength soon gave way under the dire disease, and for the last three hours he lay pretty much in the one position, although struggling all the while, as if in great distress. For the last six hours he discharged a large quantity of saliva or froth and it required one man's constant attention to keep it away from his mouth. About an hour before he breathed his