

the midst of his usefulness, seems to us a calamity, but a higher wisdom judged differently. His work will endure. Others will take up the standard which has fallen from his hands and carry it forward. His writings will long exert an influence in favor of a strong, comprehensive and scriptural theology, fitted alike to exalt God and to bless mankind.

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LAID ASIDE.

Called aside !

From the glad working of thy busy life,
From the world's ceaseless stir of care and strife,
Into the shade and stillness of thy Heavenly Guide,
For a brief space thou hast been called aside.

Laid aside !

May not the little cup of suffering be
A loving cup of blessing given to thee ?
The cross of chastening sent thee from above
By him who bore the cross, whose name is Love ?

Called aside !

Oh ! restful thought—He doeth all things well ;
Oh ! blessed sense—with Him alone to dwell ;
So in the shadow of Thy cross to hide,
We thank Thee Lord, to have been called aside.

DUNCAN MCCOLL.

The above verses appeared in the *Canada Presbyterian* shortly before their author's death. They will be prized by all who knew him.—*Ed. Monthly.*