

paused from business, to bow in worship before the Lord of all, and also to think and converse about the servants of God who during the year were called up higher. Rev. H. E. C. Stoney, a probationer for the ministry, attending College at Cobourg, met a tragic death by drowning. He was a young man of a fine spirit, and promised well for the future. Rev. Erastus Hurlburt, one of the oldest and most honored of our number, after long and faithful service, has entered into rest. He belonged to a generation of grand and noble Methodist preachers, who have almost all passed on to their reward, but the Church and the nation affectionately revere the memory of these pioneers. Rev. Daniel E. Brownell, who for more than thirty years went in and out among us, and who did good service for the Master, has been summoned to his reward. He was a man of deep and fervent piety, and always a soul winner. Rev. Ezra A. Stafford, D.D., LL.D., in the prime of life, and the brilliancy of his career, was taken from his congregation and this ministry, "clothed in royal ascension robes." His demise is deeply regretted by us; but the Lord knoweth what is best. The life of each brother is his testimony, and we are consoled in the assurance that they died well. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved ones, and commend them affectionately to the God of all comfort and grace.

With the close of this Conference another year begins, and we together go forth into the vineyard. Look for great things; for revivals; for increased spiritual life in the Church. Seek personally, sanctification of heart and life, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Keep vigorous, by diligently applying yourselves to all the Christian duties that come to you. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Guard well every interest of our beloved Zion; practise more than you profess; and keep separated from the forms and follies of the world. May He who walks among the golden candlesticks, and is the source of all blessing, cause you to "abound in all goodness," and "make your light to shine more and more unto the perfect day."

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