

dependence, or the wishes of a community could have kept him here, he would still have been in the land of the living. But here we see an impressive proof that nothing can avert the approach of death, or secure our lives beyond their appointed time.

To the aged especially this dispensation affords a most impressive lesson. He who has now departed from the land of the living, was for forty years a resident in Miramichi, and on the first day of January last, completed the sixty-third year of his age. I see before me many whose appearance indicates that they are approaching the number of years which sums up the period allotted to human life. You, my hearers, have been the cotemporaries and companions of him who is gone; you belong to his generation, and like him you must also go with your generation. Your continuance here cannot now be long. Oh! seek, then, to prepare to meet your God. Delay not; for time is rapidly carrying you on to that land from which no travellers return. Your companions on the way, those of your own generation, are rapidly dropping off. Oh, that this may teach you so to number your days, that you may apply your hearts unto wisdom—that heavenly wisdom which maketh wise unto salvation.

To those of you, my hearers, who are younger, this also gives a call to be diligent in seeking to serve your generation while health and strength remain, and opportunities are afford-