

pastorate of our dear departed brother. Almost up to the day of his death was he engaged in active service, for only a few short days elapsed between the time of his being stricken down and the hour when he was called home. He died on the field of battle, as a soldier fighting for his king, and has now gone to receive his reward.

In September, 1873, he was united in marriage, by the writer, to Miss M. J. Stock, also of Stouffville; and on May 26, 1875, he was called to lay her mortal remains in their final resting-place in the village where the early life of both of them had been spent. This, though a very sore and grievous affliction, was yet borne in a humble, submissive spirit. He expressed his confidence that the Lord had some good purpose in view, and was thus leading him from earthly cares to draw him closer to Himself. He murmured not, but kissed the hand that held the rod.

In the following December a very urgent and pressing call came to him from Emmanuel Church, Brantford, to assume the pastorate of that new enterprise; but, in obedience to what he believed to be the voice of the Master, he declined the call, and decided to remain amongst the people of his first love, who now so deeply mourn his loss. Their hearts are indeed sad over the loss of their much-loved pastor, as are many also in Brantford, and here in his native place. To his near relatives and friends the blow has come so unexpectedly that they are almost stunned. May the Lord pour into their hearts the consolations of His grace and, lead them into close communion with Himself!

Thus has passed away our dear brother. On the Wednesday following his death, a funeral service was held in Granby, attended by a very large congregation, and conducted by Dr. Wilkes, the Principal of the College. Every one

of the ministers of the place took part in it. On Friday evening his mortal remains were laid to rest by the side of his loved partner in the Congregational burying place, Stouffville, the Rev. Mr. Wood, of Toronto, and the writer officiating on the occasion. On the following Sabbath his former pastor also preached a funeral sermon, from the words, "The Master has come and calleth for thee." A large assembly of his relatives, friends and former companions and associates crowded the church, and many of them doubtless felt that the Master had come, and was calling them by this solemn event. May the call not come in vain!

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Dr. Wilkes, under whose tuition Mr. Nighswander was prepared for the work of the ministry, bears warm and loving testimony to his excellent deportment and diligence as a student, and also as to his success in the work to which he had devoted himself. "He was always genial," he says, "pleasant with the professors, and active in good works. He spent the Sunday afternoon, for several years, at the American Presbyterian Sabbath School at the Tanneries, and much endeared himself to its Bible class, which he taught.

"He was active and zealous at Granby, and, as I learn, continually improved in his preaching. The Episcopalian minister bore to me a spontaneous high testimony to his earnestness, faithfulness and urbanity. His people loved him much, and feel his loss greatly. The members of his Bible class, some twenty or more young women, clad in mourning garb, were the chief mourners at the funeral, following the hearse. He seems to have been much esteemed by the entire community. It was said again and again that he had done a good work at Granby."