

## In Memoriam.

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In concluding a sermon upon Romans xii. 11, ("Three Rules of Life,") the preacher said :

If no other motive had suggested this subject, an event of last evening would have brought very near to my heart, and to the hearts of many, the contemplation of the life of a young man given to God.

After long illness, borne with exemplary patience, looking clearly forward to an inevitable conclusion, a life which had not yet numbered twenty-nine years, ended in perfect peace, the life of one who was never "slothful in business," who was "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

Seldom did a young man earn so soon, and yield up to God so resignedly, a position and earthly prospects which all might envy. Versatile talents, social gifts, the power of attaching to himself all whom he knew, an aptitude for business which marked him out for eminence, and had already gained advancement,—all were his. But these things he counted as loss for the excellency of the knowledge of his Saviour. In our many conversations about God and the future state, which possess such precious memories to me, we saw how Heaven comes near in this life to the believer, and that each one of the Apostle's maxims were embodied in his spiritual life. His last question to me was this: "Is it wrong to pray for release?" And I could only answer by reading to him St. Paul's statement of the same dilemma, and his own solution: "To me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

His work on earth is done. His diligence has now its rest. But the spirit, we believe, is fervent still. It has found new activities,—he serves the Lord for ever. The last words I read to him were the words of his favorite hymn:

" I thank thee, Lord, that here our souls,  
Though amply blest,  
Can never find, although they seek,  
A perfect rest:  
Nor ever shall, until they lean  
On Jesus' breast."