

reverses in business came, his greatest expressed regret, and, I verily believe, his chiefest regret, was that his benefactions to others had to be so much curtailed. They by no means ceased, however.

(3) Another notable direction that his aim to be useful took was to interest himself in the education of the children. With the exception of a single year he has been continuously in office as School Trustee in this town since our present public school system was established, and it is not invidious to say that no other trustee has ever approached him in respect of the time and care and personal labor given to the schools. Almost every day he visited them, with an affectionate interest and kind solicitude for the welfare of both teachers and scholars that was evident to us all. In times of warm contention in the town about school management, whatever changes were made in the board he was always trusted and retained by the desire of all parties.

He did good service for the young as a faithful Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, and made himself a place whose vacancy will long be difficult to fill as a witness for true religion in our meetings and in his whole daily walk.

(4) All benevolent works enlisted his interest, particularly those connected with the church, as the cause of Foreign Missions, and Schools among the Freedmen, and the training of teachers and of ministers.

He was one of the directors of our Bloomfield Savings Bank, in which, with others, he hoped to encourage thrift and providence among the poor. As a most diligent custodian of our village cemetery he did much to brighten away the gloom of death by making the resting place of our deceased friends and kindred more beautiful.

(5) To the last he was, before all other offices and services, an Elder in the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here he allowed himself to open all the stores of his love and service without restraint. Here was his joy; for truly he loved the Lord with all his heart. From Christ's church nothing was held back. To minister to the least of Christ's disciples was for him a precious privilege. By his irreproachable life, his devoutness, his brotherly love, his charity, and prayers, and words of exhortation and comfort, by his wise counsels and godly walk he has shed a luster, for more than twenty years, upon this sacred office of the Eldership.