

Until his death he was the faithful and careful custodian of the Session's fund for relieving the poor, and until his last illness was always pre-eminent among his fellow elders for regular and punctual attendance upon meetings of the Session and other church courts to which he was appointed. Perhaps in recent years he had less to interfere with this punctuality ; but it is due to truth to say that he took care not to allow other matters to interfere.

During the months of his illness many visited him to express their sympathy and regard, which he truly and gratefully appreciated. In particular he mentioned to me one day that every pastor in the village had so called within a brief time, including the Roman Catholic, and a tear came in his eye as he went on to tell that he had not expected ever in this life to receive such respect.

"My life," said he "has been one full of trials ; and not the least of them arose out of my being obliged to live so long with so little of the sympathy of my neighbors," referring to his unpopularity as an Abolitionist and Temperance reformer. "It was not because I have not valued men's approval and love ; but because I must seek God's approval and that of my own conscience first. I never expected to be popular ; I could not have been had I so desired, with my convictions ; but I always tried to have others, with whom I worked, accorded the credit of any good we did." So again, friends, was fulfilled that assurance of our Lord's, "Give and it shall be given unto you," and, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." As he was not swerved or ever deterred from doing right by love of esteem, as many are, so, I thank God, this, His servant, lived to command and to receive, before the eyes of us all, a universal respect and love such as few men win.

On another day, nearer his end, he repeated to me how grateful the satisfaction was in looking back over his life to find : first, that he had not lived an altogether useless life, and secondly, that at last he had been able to prove before all, and to have acknowledged by all, the purity of his motives.

Concerning usefulness, he said he regarded religious usefulness the highest, and went on to compare himself with Mr. Harlan Page, so emi-