

CHARLES H. ANNELLS.

The passing of Mr. C. H. Annells has been very widely and sincerely mourned. While death is but an ordinary everyday occurrence, in the case of this much-loved and eminently useful servant of God, the loss it occasioned was of unusual severity. Nearly the whole of his life of 62 years had been spent in Gawler, and during almost all that time he had been associated with the Tod Street Church and Sunday-school in many and various capacities, whether as steward, Sunday-school superintendent, or teacher, church treasurer or trustee. He had also filled the offices of circuit steward and local preacher, and it is probably in the latter capacity that he is most missed. Throughout the circuit he was always acceptable in the pulpit. Everyone—the young as well as the old—heard him gladly. His bright cheery presence, his simple earnest evangelical messages, were to many a benediction. He was ever faithful to the first things. A true minister's friend, no church member was more loyal or dependable than he. Passionately he loved Christ. Tirelessly he toiled for Christ. He was always ready for any work that he could do, and his services as a local preacher were freely availed of by other Churches as well as his own. His was the spirit of one who could not but wear himself out in the service of God and man. Gladly were his gifts laid upon the altar. And withal there was the genial, kindly disposition which made him loved by all who knew him.

And the respect and love felt for Mr. Annells were not confined to the Church. He was an energetic and useful townsman, and in this way exerted a wide and beneficent influence. Among the messages of sympathy received by the family—remarkable for their number and heartiness—were some from men who had been associated with our brother in business, and while themselves outside the Church, were led to magnify the grace of God in him. Thus did he let his light shine before men. The large and reverent

in him. Thus did he let his light shine before men. The large and reverent congregation that joined in the memorial service in the Tod Street Church was another evidence of the esteem in which he was held by all classes of the community.

We do not forget that it is inside the family circle that the loss has been felt most sorely—how sorely none outside can tell. A loving husband and father has been taken, yet for the loss, grievous as it is, there is much compensation in the inspiration of a noble example and the hope of a joyful reunion. He whose ways are a great deep has wounded His handmaid with a wound which time cannot heal. Our tender sympathy is with her and hers, and we ask for them the consolations of that grace the sufficiency of which their loved one so fully proved. May it be theirs to realize, through the Spirit's gracious ministry, that though earth is now so much poorer and colder, heaven is richer and dearer since he whom they love is there.