

Brief Memorials of Mr. George Adam, OF STRANRAER.

We deeply regret having to announce the home-call of our beloved friend and brother in the Lord, and our esteemed fellow-helper and contributor to these pages, Mr. George Adam, which took place at his home, Valpariso Villas, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, after a brief illness, terminating in pleuro-pneumonia, on March 28th, aged 78 years. He was buried on Tuesday, 2nd April, in Stranraer Cemetery, a goodly representation of Christians from all the Wigtownshire Assemblies being present. Brief services were conducted in the home, in the Sun Street Hall, and at the grave, by William Stephen, Paisley, an old friend of the deceased. His widow, who for over forty years has been his close companion and helper, is left to mourn his loss, and will, we trust, be lovingly remembered by all, especially by those who so long enjoyed and profited by her husband's ministry.

George Adam was the child of godly parents, and was brought up in an atmosphere where the Lord was feared and His Word held in high esteem, as many have frequently heard him testify in his public ministry. He was brought to the Lord in early life, and we have often heard him speak with veneration of the godly home life and deep reverence for the Word of God that existed at that time, among the old Scotch Independents, in association with whom his early days of Christian life were spent.

When the mighty work of grace, which swept across the north-east of Scotland in 1870-2 began, he was living at Kennethmont, Aberdeenshire, and was brought into immediate contact with the work in the villages of Old Rayne, Oyne, Insch, and Rhynie, which was carried on during these eventful years, under the ministry of Donald Ross, Donald Munro, and others associated with them, who were mightily used of God in the awakening and conversion of sinners, and in leading many of God's people into the fuller light and liberty of the Gospel. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam, at Kirkhill, was a resting place and sanatorium for many worn out and wearied workers, and an ever open door where hospitality was lovingly shewn to all the children of God, during those memorable times of revival and restoration, in which, under the guidance of

the Spirit of God, through diligent study of the written Word, many long-lost truths were recovered and received, to be obeyed and proclaimed far and wide. Assemblies of believers, in full separation from the world's ecclesiastical systems, gathered simply in the Name of the Lord, with His Word alone as their creed, sprang up all over the country, several in the district, and one in Mr. Adam's home, where for years a number of the children of God met for worship and the remembrance of the Lord's death on the first day of the week, preaching the Gospel in farmhouses and cottages in the evenings in the country around.

In 1876, Mr. Adam gave up his business of a country merchant at Kennethmont, and removed to Edinburgh, devoting his whole time to ministry of the Word and shepherding of the Lord's flock, visiting the homes of believers and seeking to give godly counsel in cases of difficulty in assemblies. After a few years, he removed to Prestwick, Ayrshire, and spent most of his time in visiting smaller assemblies in the county, where his visits were welcome and his help appreciated. His later years were spent in Stranraer, helping Wigtownshire assemblies, occasionally giving help in Conferences and gatherings of servants of Christ, such as are held in Leominster, Lurgan, and other centres, as his strength permitted. His ministry was generally of a searching and a practical character, and his writings were very helpful to many. He will be missed, especially by small assemblies among which he believed his chief service lay. Thus one after another of those who have "ministered to the Lord" and "fed the flock of God" are being removed from earthly toil, to rest with Christ, and few of the same kind are being raised up to fill the empty places. This surely has a voice and a message to the people of God. It may be that "the Chief Shepherd" Himself is very near, and that His speedy advent will bring "all the flock so scattered here" to the land where under-shepherds will be needed no longer, "where the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their Shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life" (Rev. v. ii. 17, R.V.). May we so serve as to be able to say, "Even so. Come, Lord Jesus."