

## ANOTHER FATHER GONE.

Died on the 25th ult., at his residence Hill St., Toronto, Rev. Ezekiel Gooderham, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, York Mills.

At the ripe age of 77 our venerable friend has been called home to his reward. He was a native of the County of Norfolk, England, but had resided nearly forty years in Canada. Shortly after coming to this country he was deeply impressed with a sense of his need of the Saviour, and was enabled, after a period of deep conviction, to put his entire trust in Jesus. Having become familiar in early years with Baptist principles, he had no difficulty in deciding as to the church which he would join. He was baptized by Rev. Mr. Mitchell, at that time pastor of the York Mills Baptist Church. He served this Church faithfully for several years as deacon; and after Mr. Mitchell's death, for fifteen years as pastor. It was only after most earnest persuasion on the part of the few members, joined by the urgent appeals of the ministers who knew him, that he consented to be ordained. The ordination took place in the Bond St. Baptist Church, Toronto, when the candidate was approaching his sixtieth year, the Rev. Dr. Fyfe taking a leading part on the occasion. Faithfully in his old age, according to the ability which God gave him, and not without success, did our aged friend fulfil his ministry. His views of the plan of salvation were eminently clear and unobscured, and his attachment to what are called the "doctrines of grace," was deep and devoted. During the last three years he has been laid aside from the work of the ministry, and has resided in Toronto. He had a longing desire to the very last for the services of the sanctuary; and he loved to converse on the truths he heard from the pulpit. The last time he left his home, it was to attend the services in Bond Street, when he stated to a friend that he thought he would never enjoy the privilege again on earth! The words proved true! He was supported by strong faith in Jesus during his last illness. His longing desire was to go to the Saviour whom he loved and served. "Come, Lord Jesus, and take my spirit home," was his last utterance.

On Saturday, Dec. 11th, his remains, accompanied by a large procession, were conveyed to York Mills, where after a short service in the chapel, conducted by Rev. Wm. Stewart, they were laid near to those of the first pastor of the church, Mr. Mitchell. May God sanctify the bereavement to his aged and now widowed partner, the family and friends!