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"Others have laboured, and ye  
are entered into their labour."

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To

THE Loyal PEOPLE OF  
BROWN MEMORIAL CHURCH,  
WHOSE LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS  
HAVE CAUSED THOSE WHO HAVE MINISTERED TO THEM  
TO RISE UP AND CALL THEM BLESSED





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## A PASTOR

'He knows but Jesus Christ, the crucified,  
Ah, little reck the worldling of the worth  
Of such a man as this upon the earth!  
Who gives himself—his all—to make men wise  
In doctrines which his life exemplifies.  
The years pass on, and a great multitude  
Still find in him a character whose light  
Shines round him like a candle in the night;  
And recognise a presence so benign  
That to the godless even it seems divine.  
He bears his people's love within his heart,  
And envies no man, whatsoever his part.  
His church's record grows, and grows again,  
With names of saintly women-folks and men,  
And many a worldling, many a wayward youth,  
He counts among the trophies of his truth.  
Oh, happy man! There is no man like thee,  
Worn out in service of humanity,  
And dead at last, 'mid universal tears,—  
Thy name a fragrance in the speaker's breath,  
And thy divine example life in death."

By DR. J. G. HOLLAND,  
From *The Learned Professions*.

## FOOTSTEPS IN A PARISH

"They ring for service," quoth the fisherman;  
"Our parson preaches in the church to-night.  
. . . He's a rare man,  
Our parson; half a head above us all."

**I**N Jean Ingelow's beautiful poem,  
"Brothers and a Sermon," we  
find a fitting testimony of the  
one whose life *as a pastor* we are to  
consider:

I have heard many speak, but this one man—  
So anxious not to go to heaven alone—  
This one man I remember, and his look,  
Till twilight overshadowed him. He ceased,  
And out in darkness with the fisher folk  
We passed and stumbled over mounds of moss,  
And heard, but did not see, the passing beck.