

father of our cause. This may be called the child of his anxieties; and all can testify, that it has never felt the want of his fostering hand. The support of God's cause, and of his servants, occupied a share of his latest attention. When he had scarcely strength to articulate, I heard him charge those of his children who were present, always to take care of their ministers. Oft, he would say, 'I have been grieved to see the people of God so careless about their ministers.'"

That Mrs. Wright was of a kindred spirit with her husband in this particular, was no doubt the case during his life; and has since been abundantly proved during fourteen years,—the period of her widowhood. If Mr. Wright, with propriety, was called, by Mr. Jackson, the father of the Methodist cause in Bedeque, Mrs. W. may, with equal truth, be denominated, the *mother* of the same. She was a warm friend of the preachers, and their families, and was ever ready to minister to their comfort, and urge others to attend to the same. She gave a liberal sum yearly to the support of the preacher stationed at Bedeque: and were all who enjoy the benefit of the Methodist ministry at our Mission Stations, to give in the same proportion to the means they possess, as did our friend, the support of a preached Gospel, in this District, would not, we think, require assistance from the Mother country; and in such case, the benefits of preaching, and pastoral care, might be more widely extended. One of her sons informed her, during her last illness, that he was then about procuring subscriptions for the support of the resident minister,—she said with animation—"Yes—do exert yourself, and ever be kind to the preachers."

It is pleasing to find that her children are remembering the living example, and dying advice, of their parents, to support a preached Gospel: They are amongst the most liberal supporters of it on the Station—praise to which, I trust, they and their descendants, will ever be entitled.

Several revivals of religion have taken place at Bedeque in past years; and Mr. W. manifested during those seasons of religious excitement, her love to the cause of God, her desire for the salvation of souls, and the liberal and kind disposition of her heart, in various ways;—especially in opening her house for prayer and class meetings; and in spreading numerous tables with food for those of the company who attended from distant parts. A good portion of the substance which her industry procured, was always ready to help forward the cause of God. She evinced the reality of her professed faith in the Lord, by attending to the support of the Christian ministry in her settlement;—proof of the sincerity of profession, not *always* characteristic of the professors of Christianity.

In stating the prominent features of her character in a few words, we can say,—She was a friend of the Methodist Ministers, of the sick, the poor, and the cause of God, as upheld by the denomination to which she belonged:—Whatever fault a prying eye might discover, or ignorance impute to her, these features were always apparent.

She was a person of lively and pleasing conver-

sation, and her company was quite agreeable. She was ever ready to converse on religious subjects, and though of a cheerful temper, was grave and sober-minded. Possessing an energetic and decided mind, she seemed to act with Solomon's advice in her view—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," &c;—so that some persons, ignorant of her liberal disposition, pronounced her worldly-minded. She was of too ardent a temperament to be idle; accustomed herself to exertion, she brought up her family to be familiar with habits of industry.

Her trust in God was generally strong,—and her religion removed alike from frigid formality, and enthusiastic rapture. The strong attachment to Methodism she manifested, and the desire she evinced, that her children would marry persons of similar religious views with themselves, made some people denominate her a bigot in religion. She did, indeed, evidently act with the decision of one who has chosen a system thought to be the best;—but she was on friendly terms with Christians of various denominations; and though she was never forward, we think, to controvert their peculiar views, she did not shrink from a plain, and decided avowal, of her religious belief, when it became necessary for her to speak on the subject.

Mrs. Wright was taken ill a few days after the death of an inmate of her house,—her youngest son's wife, who died happy in the Lord. But three weeks lapsed between the death of these two relatives,—affording striking instances of the precarious nature of human life; and leaving salutary lessons of warning us, to prepare to meet our God. Mrs. W., it is thought, took the severe cold that brought her to the grave, by incessant attendance upon the sick during the winter.

She spoke but seldom during her last sickness, and was in a slumbering state, except when aroused, and disturbed by severe coughing. She earnestly prayed the Lord to arouse her from that stupor of mind and body; and her prayer was so far answered, that she, for a little time, was enabled to converse with more freedom from drowsiness, and used the opportunity thus afforded her, to settle some temporal affairs.

She did not wish to hear that she was better, the hope of which, her friends sometimes indulged; but she professed her decided conviction, that her sickness would issue in death. The fear of the last enemy appeared to be entirely subdued in her: she desired, rather than dreaded, his approach. She several times prayed the Lord to take her to himself, and asked,—“Why are his chariot wheels so long in coming?” She died on Thursday the 21st March, 1839, in the 70th year of her age. A funeral sermon was preached to a numerous assembly, on Sabbath, the 25th March. May her death be sanctified to the spiritual good of her numerous relatives, and in the wide circle of her friends. Amen.

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Sir Walter Scott, for the whole of his writings, now comprised in eighty volumes, received not less than £250,000.