

THESE reflections have been suggested by the loss of our Venerable Minister, with which our hearts have been deeply pierced; for it is natural to have recourse to those consolations, which teach us resignation, while they sanctify our sorrow.

Any outline of the character of this truly amiable man, which I could give from this place, would be but a very imperfect shadow of the original; but even an attempt at this, the shortness of my time has prevented: and it is the less necessary, as you are all well acquainted with the excellence of his life and conversation. There is not one present whom he has not struck with reverential awe from this sacred place, and impressed with love and veneration for that religion which his own conduct uniformly adorned.

Endued with a clear and comprehensive mind, a quick apprehension, a prompt memory, a steady and piercing judgment, and an extensive knowledge of human nature, he was most eminently qualified to discharge with fidelity and success, the duties of his profession. His piety was deep-felt, rational, fervent but unostentatious. In his pastoral duties, he was assiduous, diligent and attentive. His spiritual and moral influence was always directed to the nourishment of pure religion, and to preparing us for that immortality announced in the Gospel. It afforded him the greatest delight to see his parishioners and friends living in peace and u-

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