

of morality which lies beyond the doubts of the sceptic, or the specious speculations of infidelity. His sentiments on the disputed subjects that have tortured the zeal of polemics, and unfortunately divided the Christian world, were regulated by those liberal principles which he stated to us in one of his public discourses a few months ago. "If you wish to know," he said, "whether any new opinion that may be advanced, is true; consider whether it is agreeable to the known attributes of the Deity, and whether it serves to promote the great object of all religion, the practice of real piety and virtue. If it contradicts, or opposes, either of these, it is to be considered as a groundless innovation, and must be rejected." In subjects that are above the reach of the human understanding, he kept close to the words of Scripture, avoiding all subtlety of explanation, and all dogmatism of opinion.

As he possessed the knowledge and all the talents requisite for the important office of a Christian Pastor; so was he most assiduous, most conscientious in the performance of its duties. It is now fifteen years since I heard him say, in the simple and unaffected manner which distinguished all his conversation; "I know not how a man can be easy or happy, while his duty is neglected." In the course of the same period, his pulpit has never been empty at the usual hour of Divine Service. In the course of his Ministry,

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