

the law of God, which was at first appointed as the condition of everlasting happiness, and which, by the immutable obligation of the divine law, must still be the ground on which eternal life is to be obtained. He believed that this obedience was given in our nature by the Son of God, who thus magnified the law and made it honorable: That he suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us unto God: that it is in virtue of his obedience and sufferings alone that any of the human race can be saved; but that none can expect salvation through the merits of Christ, who strive not by the influence of his Spirit, and the diligent use of all the means of grace to keep the commandments of God, and to honor his law by uniform, active, and persevering obedience.

This simple yet sublime and comprehensive system of truth, which our Church holds, and which is founded on the word of God, the public instructions of your beloved Pastor were formed to illustrate and expound, and to apply to the various habits and circumstances of those who heard him—and while he expatiated with pleasure on the delightful privileges afforded by the Gospel, and while he invited the humble and penitent to repose on the mercy of God through the Redeemer, he failed not to arouse the careless by a reference to the terrors of the Lord, and to inculcate and enforce upon all the obligations of the divine law as a rule of life and conduct, embracing every conceivable relation of human duty.

In his way of preaching and of addressing his hearers, he was exceedingly gentle, affectionate and winning. His compositions were distinguished by good taste and simplicity. Sometimes he indulged in a quaintness of expression and illustration, which never failed to fix the attention of the most careless: which was always felt, and which, from persons of inferior talents, might have given offence. His voice was pleasing, but not powerful; his delivery was easy, and this enabled him to give pointed effect to those passages which he considered the more important, and which he spoke with peculiar energy and feeling.

That his Ministry was of great advantage to this extensive and populous settlement, in which for so many years he was the only established Clergyman, there can be no reason to doubt. It seems indeed not unaccountable to hope, even to believe, that divine truth was never presented to an audience without producing more good effect, though of a nature and to an extent which it may often be impossible exactly to ascertain. While this general hope may be reasonably entertained by all who labour faithfully in dispensing of the word of God, it cannot be but peculiarly encouraging when circumstances of a definite nature make it appear that the labour has not been in vain: and this encouragement was enjoyed by Mr. Addison.—He came to the knowledge of many instances of good being done by his preaching, as well as by his performance of other services belonging to our Church.—A gentleman once at the head of this Society, its ornament and its pride, but who has long ago departed to give his account, told me that the impression made upon him by hearing Mr. Addison read the burial service over a friend, could never be effaced: and that every recollection produced the most serious reflexions in his mind, though many years had intervened.

For some time Mr. Addison had been rapidly declining.—He had been afflicted for many years with a difficulty in breathing: and this at length disabled him from much exertion.—His constitution was naturally delicate, and bodily infirmities for some years prevented him from being as active as he wished to be, and from preaching so frequently as he had formerly done. At length he found it necessary to procure an assistant, in whose unassuming manners and faithful discharge of the Ministerial duties he experienced much comfort: but he was always anxious to return to his duty whenever he was able.

But though feeble in body, his mind was strong, and when unable to attend to his public ministrations, he was assiduously employed in teaching his grand children—an occupation which he did not discontinue till he was no longer able to leave his sick chamber. It was truly delightful to behold our Venerable Friend

directing the last rays of his once resplendent lamp to illuminate the tender minds of the children around him.

His cheerfulness and resignation never forsook him, and the last visit that I made him shewed them in full force, and at the same time exhibited in the strongest light the loveliness of our religion.—Owing to some unexpected detention by the way, I was late in reaching his house, and he had composed himself for the night: but hearing that I had arrived, he desired immediately to see me.—On entering his room I was much struck with his appearance.—Disease had been very busy, and I was not aware that he was so ill—I am not in much pain, he said, holding out his hand, and pressing mine with much affection, but my departure is at hand.—He spoke so strongly that I ventured to express some hope. He shewed me the swelling of his body. He said he is a disorder that seldom departs without its victim at the time of life: but I am satisfied that it is better it should be so; my faith and hope in my Redeemer are strong, while I deeply feel my own unworthiness. He then spoke clearly and judiciously of the measures taking for advancing education in the Province, and expressed a hope that they would proceed to a successful issue, and redound to the glory of God and the advantage of society. He urged me to persevere as I had hitherto done in promoting religion and education through good report and bad report, and not to shrink should my calumniators increase seven fold. The time will soon come when justice will be done you, and your enemies and slanderers covered with merited disgrace. He spoke of his grand children, and recommended them strongly to my protection should there be any scholarships at Minor College when it came into operation—or the University: and when I replied that I was afraid that I should have very little in my power, he smiled and said, I cannot expect more than you are able to perform, but you may rest assured that the present delusion will pass away, and that even now the more respectable and well informed part of the community feel deeply indebted to you for your valuable services in a cause so dear to every affectionate and enlightened parent. After speaking with great energy and feeling in this encouraging strain for some time, Mrs. Addison came into the room to do for him some act of kindness; and on her retiring, his voice faltered as he spoke of her unwearied attention and affectionate participation of all his wants: but in uttering his grateful blessings upon her he became inaudible. On my rising to depart he prayed for my prosperity and happiness, and especially for my continued usefulness. "I shall not be long here: we shall never again meet in this world: but God's will be done. I know in whom I have believed. I dislike a death bed repentance, and have not put off that great work to this late period. It has long been the subject of my deepest and most earnest thoughts." I could not help reflecting on leaving my amiable Friend upon the nothingness of man were it not for Christianity. This truly catholic, firm, and devoted servant of God was about to appear in the presence of his Creator. Swiftly do our years glide away—but a short time ago his superior attainments, his courtesy of manners, calivered by the playfulness of wit and humour, used to impart joy and gaiety to every company in which he mingled. Now he is on the bed of death, yet still his gentle, pure, and benevolent spirit resting on that Faith which overcomes the world, and which enabled him to pour the oil of true consolation into the hearts of the penitent, shone in peace and resignation around him.—He was calm and collected, and while deeply sensible of his infirmity and his need of his Saviour Jesus Christ's sovereign interposition his trust was strong that this interposition would be made—the efficacy of the blessed atonement would extend to him, and that he would become one of the happy number who should inherit the kingdom of heaven.

In speaking of your distinguished Minister the Elder Brother of the Clergy of the Diocese, I have only touched a few of the most prominent parts of his character, and even these with a feeble hand. But you are so well acquainted with his various merits, that slight notice will bring them forcibly to your remembrance. What then remains but that we take the Apostles Council.—These things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in him, do ye likewise.—And as the God of Peace was with him, will he be with you in life and death and through abled eternal