

spiritual nourishment as *private prayer*. And finally, in "marking" his character as we have done, and comparing it with our own, how forcibly must we all be struck with the truth of the Apostle's remark,—"*If the righteous scarcely be saved,*" that is with difficulty, "where shall the sinner and the ungodly appear?"

I have now endeavoured to enforce the injunction in the text with a view to your profit, by dwelling on the character and example of our late friend and benefactor. Some may think I have dwelt too long on the subject; but if I may judge from your countenances, none of you, my friends, are of that number. The influence of affection, in closing the eyes to the faults, and opening them to the virtues of those dear to us, is notorious; but in what I have now said I am unconscious that that influence has led me beyond the bounds of truth and justice. I am also well aware that "no flattery can soothe the dull cold ear of death," nor would you, much less his surviving relatives, thank me for imputing to him virtues to which he had no just claim. It has been my desire to present his character to you faithfully and fully, for your imitation, because I believed it to be one of rare excellence, and his case one which exactly suited the text, and was well calculated for edification. Let us, beloved brethren, learn from it to be followers of him, even as he was of Christ. His lamp, alas! is now removed from us forever. He is gone, I fervently believe, to be re-united with the sainted members of his family who were summoned to enter the joy of their Lord before him. In lamenting his early removal, let us not imagine he can benefit us no longer. The recollection of his example, (which many of us I trust will carry to our graves) may still direct us; the memory of his many virtues may still admonish us; and therefore, while we now indulge the melancholy pleasure of recollecting what he was, let us, at the same time, beseech our Heavenly Father to grant us His strengthening grace that we may