

his various powers, and that, perhaps, in no other situation could they have been so fully called forth, or employed so beneficently to mankind; it seems reasonable to conclude, that providence smiled upon his undertaking, and sanctioned the prosecution of it.

Those, who may hereafter furnish us with a complete description of his character and talents, will have much to tell, which, in this brief sketch, I can scarcely notice. They will speak of the fertility of his imagination; of the quickness of his perception; of his lively and innocent wit; of the soundness of his judgment; of his almost intuitive knowledge of character; of his extemporaneous and commanding eloquence; of the facility with which he could turn his mind to any subject proposed to him; of his unwearied diligence and unconquerable resolution; and particularly, of that cheerfulness of disposition, and that frankness, candour, and urbanity, which seemed to be interwoven with his nature. But, upon these and similar topics I have no leisure to dwell. The great excellence in his character to which I would most particularly advert, is the consecration which he made of all his talents to the best and noblest objects.

When I consider how deeply his mind was often affected by a sense of the responsibility connected with his official situation; when I reflect upon the many important discussions, both private and official, in which the concerns of the society necessarily engaged him; when I look at his numerous journeys, on its behalf, into all parts of the kingdom; at the multitude of crowded meetings in which he poured forth the treasures of his powerful mind; and at the extensive correspondence, which he maintained with the agents and friends of the institution in every quarter of the world; not to mention the valuable publications, which, during short intervals,

found leisure to compose, and his weekly ministrations in this sacred place— it is no matter of surprise, that he finally sunk under his exertions; but that, for a period of eighteen years, he could bear up under those incessant and overtaxing occupations.

In stating that he consecrated his talents to the glory of God and the benefit of his fellow-creatures, I tacitly assume, that he was influenced by christian motives. The principle which carried him on in his laborious career, through evil report and good report, till his frame was worn out and exhausted, was the divine principle of love to God and love to man. This principle, and this alone, could have sustained him under his manifold difficulties, and have kept him steadfast and immovable in the work.— And did he ever express any concern that he embarked in this cause?— Was it a source of regret to him, that he had left out of sight his worldly interests; and, on account of his devotedness to the society, had exposed himself to discomforts and disquietudes, which assailed him even to the last? Every person who was acquainted with him will bear witness to the contrary: and a short record of his own, subjoined to some notes concerning the progress of the institution, and written apparently within the last few months, will, by most persons, be deemed conclusive as to the same fact. The sentence runs thus:—

How sweet to have toiled in this work!— And, if wasted with labours more abundant, I am compelled to withdraw ———. I HAVE DONE.

The last words occur at a short distance from the war; as if, after a pause for reflection, he had felt himself convinced that his strength was already worn out, and that in this great cause he should labour no more.

The question which he so long