

the greatest harmony, communicated their plans of study, and perused one another's works with attention before they were committed to the press. The great benefits enjoyed by Mr. Spark under instructors so able, were not lost—naturally of a studious habit, he delighted in meditation, and in following the course which these excellent men wished him to pursue.

“Mr. Spark came to Quebec in 1780, and returned in 1783, for the purpose of receiving Ordination in the Kirk of Scotland, which was conferred upon him by the Presbytery of Ellon, within the bounds of which he had lived when a student in Divinity. In 1784, he returned to Quebec, and officiated in the Scotch Church, in the place of the Rev. Mr. Henry, then in an infirm state of health. On the death of the latter, he succeeded to the very moderate emoluments of that Church, and continued during the remainder of his life, to discharge, with most exemplary diligence and fidelity, the important duties of Minister of the Gospel.”

“In 1804, he obtained the Degree of Doctor in Divinity, from the College at which he had studied, and in 1805 was married to the amiable person who is now left to deplore his loss.”

“He died on Sunday the seventh instant, in circumstances awfully impressive. After delivering the first of the following discourses, than which, nothing can be more truly characteristic of a solemn farewell. He attended a funeral; returning to the Church, and being arrived within an hundred yards of it, he was seized with an apoplectic fit, and expired without a groan.”

“The shock occasioned by his death was universally felt in this city and neighbourhood, and even in many remote parts of the Province. Scarcely have we yet recovered from the deep distress into which we have been thrown. On the following Thursday his remains were followed to the house appointed for all living, by an unexampled assemblage of persons of all ranks and ages.”

Mr. Wilkie bespeaks the candour of his readers in judging of his attempt to portray the character of this excellent person, as it was hastily written, under very unfavourable circumstances, and almost immediately sent to the press. After such an appeal, criticism may be silent; but the friends of Dr. Spark must regret that a nicer discrimination was not observed, in describing his character, and a more