

is apt to run dry when the indulgence is withdrawn. I know he was considerate to those about him in his illness; one of the last things he said to me—it was before he was dangerously ill—was that he should not like those who were nursing him to get over-tired by constant watching. The sick are not always reasonable and generous like this, and they are not blamed for being exacting; it is often part of their illness that they are very querulous and exacting; our dear boy friend who is gone was the very opposite; he was, while he was conscious, gentle, thoughtful, and considerate, showing signs of a good heart and of good training.

A boy who lived like this: manly, reverent, dutiful, faithful, was one who did not require a special preparation for his end. I believe him to have been a consistent Christian boy. I do not say he had no faults. I do not say he never did anything or thought anything which he knew to be wrong. I claim for him nothing unnatural or high-flown in the way of goodness; but I do claim for him that he was a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ; that if he did wrong he knew