

TRIBUTE TO REV. JAMES SCOVIL

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SAMUEL ANDREWS, M.A.

"From a long and very intimate acquaintance, I am able to say that no clergyman, within the circle of my observation, has been more laborious, more constant and unwearied, more zealous and engaged, nor do I believe more successful in the ministry, for the long period of fifty years than he has been.

He was early initiated into Christ's family by baptism, and had a pious education, and from a child was conversant with the Holy Scripture. His Maker had been liberal in the endowment of his mind, he was of quick understanding and had a strong native genius.

In his private character he was an affectionate husband, a tender and pious parent, and a rational compassionate master. In common conversation he was a pleasing companion, and his discourse, though cheerful, savory and instructive. The clearness of his ideas and the strength of his reasoning were remarkable.

In his public capacity he was an ornament to his profession and a worthy example to his flock. Few had a more happy talent in composition and none a better judgment in choosing subjects adapted to the wants and calculated to the spiritual improvement of his hearers. After he had served God and his generation with unremitted exertion, he was in a good old age visited with a long and painful disease, which preyed upon his constitution from day to day and from year to year till it has brought him to that blessed country where the weary are at rest."