

ly preached ; Christ he copied, and I doubt not, could say with the apostle,—‘The life which I live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God.’ Most jealously do I wish to avoid giving expression to a single sentiment which could be supposed to savour of flattery in regard to one who has now passed into the eternal world. Anything apart from ‘words of truth and soberness,’ would be most unbecoming this place, offensive in the sight of God, abhorrent to my own heart, and would miserably contrast with the well known single-mindedness of the deceased. But being, in divine providence, called to improve, as best I can, this startling but instructive dispensation, I am reminded, as suitable to you, of the words of Paul to the Hebrews,—‘Remember those who have spoken to you the word of God ; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation ; Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.’ And with the view of prompting you to compliance with this counsel, I venture briefly to refer to the character and ministry of our lamented friend. Having become acquainted with him as a fellow-student in the Divinity Hall, in our fatherland, and been on terms of intimacy and confidence in this country, for over twenty-six years, I feel not only at liberty to speak with some confidence in reference to him, but impelled in duty to state that I have never been acquainted with one in whom there was so much to love, and such absence of unamiable features of character. Nor is my conviction singular ; for even in his youth he was not unfrequently styled, by such of us as knew him best, ‘Nathaniel,’ in preference to his own proper designation.

“There was with him a rare commingling of characteristics fitted to gain for him the respect and love of all classes ; unswerving integrity and firmness of holy purpose ; diffidence and child-like humility ; and a most genial, kindly disposition. Relying little upon, and possessing little of *worldly* wisdom, he had, nevertheless, with all his quietness of demeanour, a large amount of that Christian sagacity, prudence, and shrewdness so essential to a minister’s steering his course safely and lovingly among a multitude of divers tempers, views, and predilections. While he was ever ready to frown down the slightest approach to impropriety in word or action, he himself most successfully cultivated ‘whatsoever things are pure, and lovely, and of good report.’ With a heart full of amiability and kindness, and ever exhibiting great disinterestedness in seeking the good of others, to know him was to love him. I do not mean to say that he was perfect ; the bare suggestion would have shocked his own sensitive mind. He had failings, doubtless, and also many peculiarities strongly marked ; but of him the sentiment of the poet may be truly affirmed, that

‘Even his failings leant to virtue’s side.’

“All who knew him will, I think, concur with me in saying that few indeed are to be found so uniformly ‘blameless and harmless, a child of God without rebuke.’ And this much I say, because I am