

almost any christian it has been our happy lot to know. He was a pattern husband and father, intensely affectionate and invariably kind ; and he had his reward in a home that was peaceful and happy, he and the other inmates being emphatically "of one heart and of one mind," "loving one another with a pure heart fervently." His home was at once a Salem and Bethel. Indeed peace and prayer are inseparable. Dr. Ferrier was verily a man of prayer. His supplications at the family altar as well as in the Sanctuary had a peculiarly earnest and solemn character. The very intonations of his voice had a hallowing, subduing, and soothing influence, as all privileged to hear them must have felt. He was an ardent lover of the Divine Word. It was his daily care and delight, we believe from youth up, to peruse a portion thereof in secret, for his soul's nourishment, and the fruit thereof was seen in the fullness and freshness of his christian character. His preaching was evangelical ; his statement of doctrine clear ; and his enforcement of duty earnest and affectionate, so that his pulpit ministrations were deservedly relished by the pious. We have heard from him discourses of a very high order, both in an intellectual and literary point of view. As a minister, he was "a workman that needed not to be ashamed—rightly dividing the word of truth." As a writer, he was a chief among his brethren. The fruits of his pen often graced and enriched the pages of this magazine. His "United Presbyterian Church History" was monthly read with much interest by not a few who could claim Scotland as their native country, and who felt an interest in the contentings of their forefathers for a full and a free gospel. He wrote a really classical English style, characterized by lucidity, purity, and simplicity. And he never put down what he did not in his heart firmly believe to be the truth. There was no twist in his mental or moral constitution, and he was an entire stranger to literary finessè. As he thought in his heart, so he spoke and wrote. In addition to several able pamphlets on the Voluntary question, of which "Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Image," "The Tower of Babel," and "Christ Wounded in the House of His Friends," are the chief, with "Religious Addresses," "Religious Exercises for the Young," and "Consolation for Distressed Souls," he was the author of memoirs of his worthy father, Dr. Ferrier, of Paisley, and of his noted ancestor, by the maternal line, the Rev. William Wilson, of Perth, one of the founders of the Secession. These are all worthy of their author. His memorial writings are full of heart, and those of a doctrinal and controversial character are distinguished by vigour and clearness of thought and by honest, bland and forcible statement. In regard to the curseful union of Church and State, no man held more scriptural views, or stated them more clearly and becomingly than did Dr. Ferrier. In his writings he has nobly vindicated Christ's Crown and Kingdom. It may well be questioned, as we have heard it done by enlightened laymen, whether it was worthy