

of the world-wide Presbyterian Alliance, where he was likewise a prominent figure. He was ever a man of strong and clear convictions on all moral and religious questions. There were few such questions which he was content to leave open for further consideration. When he had formed his opinions he had no hesitation in expressing them with all definiteness and force for the instruction and guidance of others.

"This strength of conviction was based not upon any belief in the infallibility of his own reason or judgment, but solely upon his belief in the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God. This was ever with him the final authority behind which he did not care to go. When he had found a 'Thus saith the Lord,' it was an end of all controversy, so far as he was concerned. The great aim of all his studies was to find out exactly what the Scriptures had to say. When he was satisfied as to that, the question was closed and rarely troubled him again. He recognized, of course, that in some cases he might be mistaken in his interpretation of Scripture, but he had little patience with long-continued doubt or uncertainty, and could never content himself for any great period in that condition. He always desired to feel the ground firm beneath his feet, that he might be ready for instant action when the need arose. Once he declared himself he rarely changed. The world always knew where to find him. The fact that a