

mean place among the theological writers of the day. While given to reading, their departed rother was no less on that account the devoted and zealous pastor, and abundant in labours for the extension and building up of the Church, longing for the quickening influences of the Holy Ghost, yet ever assured that in sowing the good seed of the kingdom his labours could not be in vain.

The Presbytery, sore stricken and filled with sorrow, by the cutting short of a life so valuable to the Church, and so full of promise of increasing usefulness, recognize the sovereignty of God in the death of their beloved brother, acquiescing, as is most meet, in the will of Him, all whose procedure is regulated by infinite rectitude, wisdom, and goodness, and praying that their present loss may prove their future gain, and the gain of the Church, in their being stirred up, according to the will of God towards them in this dispensation, to greater diligence in the Master's work; that they may so reflect on the loss which they deplore, as to realize more constantly and influentially the giving in of their own account, and be henceforth more faithful to the trust committed to them, "instant in season and out of season" in their endeavours to save souls and edify the Church.

The Presbytery deeply sympathise with the congregation of East Puslinch in their loss of a pastor whom they "esteemed very highly in love, for his works' sake;" and remembering that he "shunned not to declare all the counsel of God to them," and "watched for their souls." In view of the account which he was so suddenly called to render, they earnestly beseech and charge all of them who have not yet complied with the Divine call addressed to them so often by their late pastor, to delay no longer in breaking friendship with this present evil world, and yield themselves to Christ, and to unite with their believing brethren in prayer to God that the removal of His faithful servant may not be the termination of His dealings with them by a faithful ministry; that they may be kept from leaning to their own understanding in choosing another minister, and that they may in due time receive from Him "a pastor after his own heart," whose ministrations He will bless to them and to their children.

The Presbytery close this minute with the sincere expression of their sympathy with the widow of their lamented brother, commending her and her fatherless little ones to the grace and guidance of Him who is the husband of the widow and the father of the fatherless; and assured that He who "raiseth them that are bowed down," will not fail to support her; and that as He may have filled her heart with a bitterness into whose depths none may enter, so He will make her partaker of a joy which otherwise she had not known and of which nothing can deprive her.

Book Notices.

NICHOL'S SERIES OF PURITAN DIVINES.

We have received from Messrs. Chewett, & Co., two additional volumes of the series, viz.: the first volume of the works of the Rev. D. Clarkson, and the seventh and last volume of the works of Sibbes. We have already noticed the works of Sibbes, as the previous volumes have successively issued from the press. The concluding volume is equally valuable, containing a large number of single sermons on various important topics. The practical works of Clarkson, of which we have the first volume, are very valuable, and will be completed in three volumes. There are, now three years of the issue completed, and the first volume of the 4th years issue. The rest of the volumes of 4th year, and those of the 5th year will complete the works of Goodwin, (which will comprise in all twelve volumes,) Clarkson and Charnock.

The volumes are brought out with great regularity and in excellent style. The Christian Church is under deep obligations to the spirited publisher, and we doubt not, the Theology of the next generation will be to some extent modified by the re-publication of the works of the Puritan Divines.