

and misery, from degradation and vice. There are other schools—the “United Industrial Schools”—engaged in the same field of labor. The days of jealousy and rivalry have passed away. It is now felt that there is room for the work, and benefit from the labors of both societies.

“How deeply and how universally the character of Dr. Guthrie, and the value of his services have been cherished in Edinburgh, may be in some degree understood from the fact that on the 20th of February 1865, a testimonial was publicly presented to him on his being compelled by the state of his health to retire from public life. On that occasion a silver tea service was handed to Mrs. Guthrie, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented
to MRS. GUTHRIE,
along with a Silver Tea and Coffee Service,
in Commemoration of a Gift
to THOMAS GUTHRIE, D.D.
of a sum exceeding Five Thousand Pounds,
Contributed on his retirement from Public Life,
by a large number of Subscribers
of all Classes and Parties,
and different Religious Denominations,
in Token of their Admiration and Regard for
his Personal Worth,
his Distinguished Endowments as a Preacher of
the Gospel,
and his Inestimable Services
as a Large-Hearted Christian Philanthropist.
Edinburgh, 1865.

“One of the speakers at that meeting was the late lamented Dean Ramsay, a warm friend of Dr. Guthrie’s and of all good men. As a preacher, Dr. Guthrie, notwithstanding some excellent published discourses, can scarcely be appreciated by those who have not heard him. None who have heard him could readily forget him. Few heard without deep impression. To a rugged nobleness, a majestic simplicity of figure, voice, and manner, was added a vivid imagination solemnised by the sacredness of his theme, a fine poetical feeling, and a wealth of varied illustration from the world of nature and the experiences of life. He combined the highest rhetorical power, with simple and earnest evangelical preaching, in the sound and stable theology of our old Puritan divines. There is probably no instance of a man who, for nearly 30 years, sustained, in so signal a manner, the high reputation and great popular acceptance of his pulpit ministrations. His church, wherever it was, and whether within or without the establishment, was uniformly crowded to the doors; and many a man has stood in the passage to hear him, and with streaming eyes and throbbing heart has bowed before the power of his soul-stirring eloquence.

“Dr. Guthrie was unwilling to engage in Church controversies, and seldom took part in ecclesiastical discussions. When he did so he always spoke and voted on the side at once the most evangelical and the most liberal. As a systematic or exegetical theologian—searching into the depths, or rising to the heights of spiritual capacity and sensibility—he was not equal to Dr. Candlish; but all men have not the same gifts. He had a great work to do, and a burning desire to reach the true ends of a Gospel ministry, and he devoted himself to that work and to those ends with all the energy and intensity of his nature. His extraordinary and most successful efforts in starting and establishing the “Manse Fund” for the Free Church can never be forgotten.

“But though a steadfast and zealous Free Churchman, his large heart refused to be confined within the bounds of sectarian limitation. He loved