

of your late pastor is thus blessed, I can entertain no doubt. You will now, more than ever, begin to ponder well the lessons of the past, and endeavour to copy the unoffensive, amiable, and uniformly kind and christian disposition, as well as the laborious habits, and earnest, and devoted piety, of your departed pastor and personal friend. Though absent in the body let him be present with you in the spirit, and though removed from the sphere of his earthly labours let him work aye, let him still work, in your future christian conduct, and thus let his absence be more powerful than his presence, so that this bereavement may be turned to your good and the glory of God, namely, your everlasting salvation and exceeding great reward.

It is no affectation or vain eulogy to say that if ever a pastor deserved to be held in the affectionate remembrance of his people, that pastor was yours ; for he loved you, and labored for your good ; you were the burden of his prayers, and your salvation was the object of his life. And I believe, that every one in this large assemblage will agree with me in saying, that but few men are known to us, whose life of deep devoted piety, and constant and endearing friendship, deserves to be copied more closely.

As a minister, he was faithful and diligent in the discharge of the varied and arduous duties of his holy calling. He did what he could to serve his Master, and angels could do no more, and thus fulfilled the measure of his obligation, and reached the limits of his responsibility.

He was eminently a successful minister, the evidence of which is found in the universal esteem in which he was held not only by his own congregation but by all other congregations in this valley, and also, by all classes in the community, and the healthy and highly satisfactory condition of this and the neighbouring congregation, in both of which he laboured until very recently, when under his fostering care they were erected by the Presbytery into only made the more manifest through these ; for affliction