

has been my lot to witness such solemnities, never have I seen mind more powerfully assert her supremacy over matter, the soul more triumphantly demonstrate its independence on the body, than in his person. Indeed his corporeal frame seemed too feeble for the mental operations of which it was the instrument. It was worn down by their excess, and when this feebleness was increased by sickness, the mind would oft display her mastery over the material organ, by causing it to summon up its slackening energies to carry on, for a season, some process either in conversation or attention to reading and prayer, which it could not constantly or long sustain.

I cannot trust myself to speak much of his mental character. I knew him too short and too late in life to be competent to describe it: besides, a mind of equal compass with his own would have been necessary adequately to appreciate that character, and equal powers of description with his are requisite for its delineation. But from this duty I am happily relieved by your personal knowledge of him. The great majority of those before whom I speak have had better opportunities of estimating his talents and his worth than I. He hath gone out and in among you for many years, to do so now alas! no more. You are therefore able of yourselves to supply my deficiency, and memory I am confident will supply you with many illustrations of the faint outline I shall give. A clear and distinct perception, intellect acute and profound, a strong and accurate judgment, the most comprehensive views, all combined with a lively fancy and vigorous imagination, and highly cultivated by education and habits of reflection, seemed his chief characteristics. These, united happily in him with regular constant application, gave him great advantage. But in his equanimity and self-possession, in his government of temper and spirit of forbearance, he possessed still higher gifts. It is here, at this point I may say of the character, that the moral virtues so beautifully blend with the christian graces, and are lost in their still lovelier hues. Charity dwelt in his heart; the law of kindness was upon his lips ever. The many acts of beneficence which he performed, were not more from feeling than from duty. The smallest part of them can be known, for they were done in imitation of him whose life was one continued scene of beneficence, but who taught his followers to do good for its own sake, and not to be seen of men. But we came not hither to pronounce his eulogy. These characteristics are best known in his immediate circle, and there let the memory of them flourish, till its members shall join