

There was most happily mingled in him that sobriety of speech and behavior which becomes the christian man, with a most genial and keen humor which lighted up his conversation with anecdote and incident, that while provoking mirth, illustrated the point in hand. He could always enforce his argument with a flash of wit. And if it were necessary to rebuke meanness or fraud attempted towards him, no one could with more scathing epigram confound and silence the unfortunate person against whom his indignation was turned. His power of quiet sarcasm was often used with effect to silence or rebuke folly. But to indulge this was by no means habitual. The more amiable elements of his character were those which gave the tone to all his conduct and conversation. It is not necessary that I should speak of the departed in regard to the other relations of life. As a son, and husband, and father, he was beloved and faithful, and in his death his aged parents, his wife and children alone know the greatness of the loss they have sustained.

But that which interests us still more, speaking of him here in the house of God, is the question of his religious life. Diligence and success in worldly business do not suffice as a ground of hope for eternity. And here also it is to be remembered that the most difficult part of a man's