

pious men and zealous ministers. There was a beautiful consistency and harmony between his profession and his practice, which did not fail to be observed by those who were favored with the opportunity of witnessing his walk, and of listening to his words. Christianity with him was no compliance with custom or conventional law; it was a living power, that pervaded his whole nature, and controlled and gave character to his entire conduct. Meet him when or where you might, at home or abroad, on Sabbath-day or on week-day, he was ever acting as became the Christian and the Christian minister, without the most distant approach to cant or sanctimonious asceticism. He was frank, open, and genial to a singular degree. Very few commended Christ and Christianity more effectively and unobtrusively than he by his life and teaching. Those having intercourse with him could not fail to like the man, and might be expected to of the becoming and the honorable,—order, precision, and punctuality in the management of business,—and the thorough devotedness of his energies to whatever he undertakes,—if these qualities constitute peculiar suitability for the vacant Librarianship, it will not be easy to find any one in whom they exist in a greater degree or in happier combination."

The Rev. John Kerr, Glasgow, a man of very superior mind, and one of the most effective preachers of the day, who, it appears, was acquainted with Mr. Riddell in earlier life, writes:—"I knew him as a young man of deep and unaffected piety, of persevering diligence, and close fidelity to every engagement and duty. Since then, I have watched his course of study with much interest, and I have reason to know that he has fulfilled all expectations by his progress in both secular and sacred scholarship. I can bear the strongest testimony to his habits of business and order beyond most whose life lies among books,—to his careful, conscientious punctuality, his amiable and most obliging disposition; and these, with the higher qualities of a Christian man and student, fit him, I feel assured, to a degree rarely to be met with, for supplying the place of the late lamented Librarian." The following extracts are from laymen occupying prominent positions as educationists in Edinburgh. David Forrester, Esq., F.E.I.S., head master of Newington Academy, says:—"It is with great pleasure that I embrace the opportunity now offered me of expressing the high opinion I entertain of Mr. Riddell's character and qualifications, both as a gentleman and a scholar—an opinion I formed from an intimate acquaintance of several years, during two of which I had the benefit of his valuable services as one of the masters of the Institution. With a mind highly cultivated by unremitting study, he combines acuteness of judgment, quickness of apprehension, and refinement of taste. Besides successfully prosecuting his Theological studies, to which he has more especially devoted his energies, Mr. Riddell has vigorously applied himself to the acquisition of literature and science, his knowledge of which is at once extensive and minute. In all his pursuits he exhibits, in a remarkable degree, definiteness of purpose, methodical arrangement and punctuality of habit. His courteous demeanour and delicate regard to the feelings of others have endeared him to all his friends," &c.

Thomas W. E. Robson, Esq., F.R.S.S.A., Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland, and Head Master of the Western Institution, Edinburgh, writes:—"Mr. Riddell was Master of the Third English Class and Classical Tutor in the Western Institution, during two sessions. * * * His class was one of the best taught in the Institution, and he himself I considered a model teacher. * * *