

given to man on this side the grave, fully to comprehend God raises up spiritual teachers according to his will, and employs them in the accomplishment of his designs, and in the advancement of Christ's kingdom ; he has, therefore, an undoubted right to dismiss them, when he pleases, from their services on earth, to their place in heaven.—But, this is sometimes done, when to our short sighted calculations, the Church can ill spare them ; and when we look forward to many years of usefulness, and anticipate many advantages from their public instructions, their private conversations, and their pious examples. But the ways of God are not as our ways, supported for a time as the champions of the truth ; they are taken from this world of contention and sorrow,—their stars are removed, and those whom they leave behind are called upon, by their faith, to dwell in the beams of the Son of God, which shine forever.

The Rev. Dr. Spark received the rudiments of his classical education at the Grammar-school of Montrose, long celebrated for the ability of its Teachers, one of whom, Mr. Christie, under whose care he studied, distinguished himself as the Author of several School-books, of acknowledged merit. Taught by so able an instructor, Mr. Spark removed from Montrose to King's College, Aberdeen, well prepared to enter upon his academical studies.

After continuing one session learning the Greek language, he became the pupil of Dr. M'Leod for three years, the Professors of King's College being in the habit, at that time, of continuing with the same class from the beginning of the second year to the period of leaving the University. Doctor M'Leod, though not possessed of much erudition, was a gentleman of great worth, and superior natural talents, whose pupils are found in every quarter of the world, cherishing in their bosoms a sweet remembrance of their kind and generous master. Between him and Doctor Spark, there was a warm friendship and frequent correspondence, till the death of the good Professor, at the advanced age of 86.

After completing his studies at King's College, Doctor Spark became private tutor to the children of Mr. Gordon, of Halhead, in whose family he resided for several years, to the great satisfaction of his employer, who saw him depart with much regret. Long after his removal to Quebec, the writer has heard Lady Harriet Gordon, the mother of his pupils, a gentlewoman of eccentric character, but of