

To whatever part of the Christian Vineyard we turn, there are some of this description to be found, who are adorning the doctrine of God their Saviour, by a life of holiness, or shewing the power of his grace, by a peaceful and triumphant death. In England such an instance has just occurred, as deserves to be mentioned, even at the distance of 8,000 miles. I allude to that veteran soldier of the cross, that highly distinguished servant of God, DR. SIMEON, who, for half a century, proclaimed the Gospel with so much power at Cambridge, and was the honoured instrument of converting thousands to the love and practice of vital religion. *He* has gone to his rest; gone to inherit the promises; gone to "receive a glorious kingdom and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand."* "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, they rest from their labours and their works do follow them."†

But my intention, at present is, not to direct your eyes abroad, for instances of this description, nor to carry back your thoughts to the cloud of witnesses who have walked with God, and gone to God, in other days; but to fix your thoughts upon one which has lately occurred *among ourselves*, and in reference to whom, my present subject has been selected. A few days since, my Brethren! we followed to the tomb, the mortal remains of one, who though young in years, was mature in grace; and whose conduct as a Christian, I am desirous to hold up as an example, to the young of this community. It is not to expend my efforts, or occupy your thoughts and time, with frivolous panegyric, and empty encomiums, that I introduce to your notice the character of that estimable christian; but to take advantage of what appears to me to have been an illustration of the practicability and blessedness of early piety; and enforce upon you the deep and solemn importance, of following the same holy and happy career.

* Wisdom 5. 16.

Rev. 14. 13.