

with a whirlwind." Elijah's is a most instructive biography. The glorious champion of truth and righteousness, the bold reprovcr of Ahab, the undaunted son of the desert, who apparently knew no other fear than the fear of God, so indifferent to human opinion, needs, with all his greatness, the grace of God to uphold him under weaknesses and failings, to bring back the man who, at one time, could challenge single-handed a multitude of idolatrous priests, from the despondency of spirit which at another time shrunk from work and duty. Like our own fluctuating selves in the changeful moods of a kindred spiritual experience, consequent on the varied circumstances of this mortal life, Elijah was now elated, and now depressed. In his strong character might be discerned the elements of tenderness and the strength of will, the union of weakness and greatness, which, by the power of God, become to a whole generation a mighty influence for good and an example to posterity for all time.

The stormy life of the master in Israel had a glorious close; and a lofty recompense was visibly vouchsafed. By life's chequered discipline, the confused changing moods of his own spirit had gradually, but surely subsided, and grown into calm faith, holy obedience, and faithful trust, and, all his graces being perfected, he was taken up to Paradise by a whirlwind in a chariot of fire with horses of fire, borne upwards and heavenwards to that abiding rest and refuge for the time-wearied