

conversion of souls, was realized among the children of his Sunday-school. The instances which took place in both cases were of the most decisive character. One of the main sources of Mr. R.'s influence at Turvey, was the establishment of a Friendly Society, conducted upon the best principles, and securing a great pecuniary benefit to the poor in some of the most painful exigencies of human life. By this means his clerical character was more appreciated, and his Sabbath instructions became doubly grateful to his poor parishioners. His ministry was numerously attended, and very many were led to a saving knowledge of the truth.

In receiving individuals to the Lord's Supper, he acted with a decision seldom, we fear, practised in the Church of England—carefully training young people to a scriptural view of that holy ordinance, and guarding all to whom he had access from eating and drinking judgment to themselves.

As a preacher, Mr. R. was *scriptural, experimental, practical, comprehensive*, and very *impressive in his appeals to the heart and conscience*. He was a Calvinist of the best school, not wedded to names and systems, declaring unto men the whole counsel of God. He was an extemporaneous preacher of extraordinary pretensions; and certainly, as appears from the remarks of his biographer, this method has the highest possible ecclesiastical sanction; while the practice of reading sermons is but an innovation upon the habits of better times, and but little fitted generally to produce impressions of the deepest order. Mr. Grimshawe's acquaintance with Mr. R., and the reading of his celebrated work on "The Fathers of the English Church," formed a distinguishing feature in that providential agency by which he became "a good minister of Jesus Christ."

In the exertions which have of late years been made to extend the kingdom of Messiah over the whole earth, Mr. R. took a most decided and influential part. The *Bible Society* stood first in his esteem, as the most unexceptionable of all human institutions. For that Society he thought, travelled, preached, and exerted his eloquence on the platform; and some of the most pleasing and instructive of all his diaries were written when labouring, in different parts of the kingdom, to advance its great interests. Many other Societies were all benefitted by his kind patronage and effective advocacy. And although high churchmen were wont to brand him with the name *itinerant*, when he was advancing from town to town in support of their interests, he showed no reluctance to take up his cross in the cause of truth and righteousness. His sermons and addresses on these occasions, generally produced a most powerful effect, particularly a discourse preached on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, in 1809, after which the sum of £331 1s. was collected.

As an *author*, Mr. R. will never be forgotten as long as "The Dairyman's Daughter," "The Negro Servant," and "The Young Cottager," continue to circulate through the land. The good which these inimitable Tracts have, by the divine blessing, effected, is altogether incalculable. It surprised the mind of the humble author, who never went in any direction, in his errands of mercy, without hearing of one or more who were brought to the knowledge of the truth through their instrumentality.

As a *father and husband*, Mr. R.'s character shone most brightly. Mild, affectionate, uniform, and upright, he made religion appear lovely to all. His natural love and tenderness for his children was exceeded by nothing but his deep religious concern for their salvation. In none of his