

told by a friend that expostulation in such cases was wholly vain, his reply was, "But we must do our duty!"

Here in the heart of Hackney, is the Presbyterian Church which he most frequently attended; and its pastor was *his constant friend, his confidential adviser*, in every way kind and brotherly. He frequently preached in this pulpit, and always with acceptance; and when the tidings of his death came, tears not a few were shed in this Church while the Pastor preached an appropriate funeral sermon.

In the same neighbourhood is the house in which he was married. Most of his wife's friends and relatives still live in this vicinity; and as is to be expected they all cherish the fondest recollections of the departed ones. Mrs. Gordon was a young lady of good position, of superior education; of excellent talent; a devoted daughter, an affectionate sister. She was brave hearted, unselfish, deeply pious; in every respect well qualified to be a Missionary's wife. She proved wholly worthy of the noble sphere to which she was called; It was a consolation to her sorrowing father and her other relatives when I assured him and them of their interest in the affections and in the unceasing prayers of the Church whose Missionary she became. We cherish her name as if she were (what she indeed became) our sister; and we love and remember them for her sake.

Those who like myself knew Mr. Gordon intimately and followed his career with an eye of brotherly affection, will, if opportunity offer, wander as I did over the scenes of his labours in London among the outcast and the poor—from the Hospital to the Ragged School; from the wretched lanes of Bethnal Green and Shoreditch to the nestling retreat beside Victoria Park and to those portions of the Park where he was wont to spend his Sabbath afternoons. They will then learn to admire the courage of the man who, himself a stranger, plunged boldly into this desolating sea of iniquity if by any means he might save some. The full results of his labours here are known only to God; but even at the time it was manifest that a peculiar blessing attended his efforts. Sinners, long hardened in a course of iniquity, were in some cases subdued and brought into the communion of the church. Ever active, ever hopeful, he was never greedy for present evidence of success. He knew that the work was God's and he left it joyfully in God's hand.

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NOTICES OF BOOKS.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS, by the late Rev. John Brown, D.D., Professor of Exegetical Theology, to the United Presbyterian Church; Edited by the Rev. David Smith, D.D. Biggar, 2 volumes, 8 vo. Edinburgh, W. Oliphant & Co.: New York, Carter and Brothers.

This is the best of the expository works of Dr. Brown. It was however, among the earliest prepared, the editor remarking that it was written before any of the others, except his exposition of the epistle to the Galatians. It contains, however, additions made up to a much later date; but it does not refer to the most recent works on the subject. It is principally based on the