

ing and instructive records, posterity will never hesitate to award to him the enviable distinction, which sheds a lustre on the pathway of the patriot and benefactor. But all this praise, as fully justifiable as it has certainly been well earned, would never have compensated for the lack of better qualities and the absence of nobler honours. If he commanded the utmost respect as a merchant and shone above mediocrity as a politician, he was also greatly beloved as a friend by all who were privileged with his intimacy, and in the highest of all professions, that of the Christian, besides the evidence of sincerity and worth afforded by his unimpeachable moral character, his walk and conversation supplied many pleasing proofs of the successful cultivation and exercise of spiritual graces. You, who have been long accustomed to his presence as a fellow-worshipper, are familiar with his reverend and devout demeanour in the sanctuary, and with his regular attendance on the means of grace. His heart was tenderly susceptible of the emotions produced by sacred things and religious solemnities; and I can testify, that throughout the protracted and painful illness under which he at length succumbed, after bearing it with remarkable patience, and receiving by it many tokens of the Divine favour, and deriving from it many of the precious fruits of sanctified affliction, there was nothing he seemed to regret so much as his separation from the house of God,