

given, with a dignity and an authority which we failed to recognize before.

"Contemplating the issue of their conversation," says the text. The conversation or conduct of Christian men is marked by very different characteristics in different individuals ; and we may, I think, reverently believe that it has pleased Almighty God signally to illustrate, in different individuals, different Christian graces.

Those of you, to whom our late Bishop and your former Pastor had been known for many years, will well remember his domestic virtues, and the many and severe bereavements to which it pleased Almighty God to subject him. Some of these, and very sudden and painful ones, occurred before I knew him ; others have occurred since that time, and I feel that those who hear me will confess that they have seldom, if ever, witnessed more humble and absolute submission to the will of God than that which he discovered. No one who knew him could doubt how very keenly he felt these family afflictions : in the instance of the last I had occasion to know how very deeply he was pained by his separation from the dear son who was taken from him in a distant land ; and yet the sorrow, profound as it was, was governed by entire submission to the wisdom and goodness of God, and no impatient look, or word, or gesture, was permitted to disturb the resignation with which he meekly received the dispensation of his heavenly Father.