

Tyne, and Sunderland. At Leeds he was made superintendent, and at Newcastle he became Chairman of the district, and had his health not failed, he would have been elected President of the Conference ; but instead of this he was obliged to ask for a super-numerary relation, and soon afterwards died.

From his first appointment to London, he took an active part in connexional matters, and was Secretary of the Committee of Privileges and of Education some six years, which gave him a great amount of extra work. He often sat up past midnight writing business letters, and more than once was obliged to wrap a wet cloth around his head. Many were accustomed to speak disparagingly of the leading ministers of those days, but they were little aware of the toil they performed in serving the Church which some were doing their utmost to destroy. From the extracts which are given from his diary, we are astonished that the strain upon his nervous system did not make him succumb sooner than he did. More than once he was obliged to take rest, when a few generous friends would provide him means to go abroad for a few weeks, and thus recuperate. His furloughs afforded him rest, and also provided subjects for useful lectures, which he delivered in his own circuits for the benefit of some benevolent cause. He never would take the least remuneration for himself on such occasions, and through life he never accepted of gratuities for such services.

Mr. Vasey's ministry was in the truest sense of the word a useful ministry. He did not covet popularity, nor seek to become great in the ordinary acceptation of that word ; usefulness was the great thing he always kept in view. He had a passion for soul saving, and was never content, no matter what tokens of prosperity there might be, if he did not see souls converted. He as much looked for conversions on Sabbath evenings especially, as he expected to take his appointments. He would also use extra means to accomplish the great end of the ministry. Sometimes for weeks together he would conduct special services, and on such occasions would seek to enlist all the talent of the Church. He was not very partial to the modern method of calling in foreign revivalists, but was anxious to have the Church in such a state that local preachers and leaders, as well as the members, would co-operate with the minister in labouring to convert sinners from the error of their ways.