

commentary upon the text,—“The end of that man is peace.”

It is recorded of an eminent Christian of the last century, that, when about to die, he sent for a young nobleman in whom he felt a lively interest, but who had unfortunately imbibed infidel principles. When he approached his death-bed, he said to him, “I have sent for you, my friend, that you might see with what composure *a Christian can die!*” What argument so likely to make a deep and favourable impression on the youthful libertine! Thank God, my hearers, I have not to charge any of you with avowed infidelity; yet, too many among you, alas, are chargeable with a sin almost as dangerous, and that is *indifference* to your eternal welfare. Suffer me, then, while sorrow for our departed friend has in some measure softened your hearts, and seriously impressed your minds, to lead you to his bedside and beseech you, in his case, to mark the peaceful and happy death of the righteous.

Our friend had *peace with God*. For he was enabled to unite with the Apostle in saying, “Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace, wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God; and not only so, but we glory in tribulations also, knowing that our tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.”

He had *peace also with his fellow-men*. It is one of the effects of true religion, that it produces a disposition of love and peace even towards our enemies, and not to be conceived by him who is not under its influence. A true Christian would do good to his enemies, and would say with Christ, “Father forgive them;” and such were the feelings of our lamented friend. Some time before