

personal intercourse, their kindly offices, their encouraging example. It is a matter of bitter and abounding regret, that at every turn we should meet the blanks which their death occasions, and be called upon to mourn the loss sustained in every sphere of usefulness to which they were devoted, and to feel the lasting and irreparable isolation in which they have left us. It is a saddening thought, that those features which showed intelligence and sympathy at every movement have become stiffened and still—that we can no longer hear the words of wisdom and love to which we have been accustomed to listen, as, in tones of cheerfulness and pleasantry, they relieved and improved the passing hour—that a stop has been put to those abundant deeds which testified how active and busy were the hands that toiled in ceaseless obedience to the impulses of a willing and generous heart—that all that the just man was, and all that the just man did lives only in the too treacherous though ineffaceable remembrance of sorrowing friends. It is a sore trial to our affections that those we love, and in whom we confide, and on whom we depend, should be taken away from us. Our faith in the righteousness of the Almighty's dispensations is strongly tested, when we find that all the noble qualities which enter into the compo-