

ten discourse ; and in some parts, I think I have nearly caught the language of the original, and on one or two points, have added to the original illustrations.

If the discourse thus prepared, during mere snatches of time amidst numerous other duties, shall afford any comfort or satisfaction to a friend for whom every additional year's acquaintance has increased my love and esteem ; and if the perusal of what I have here written on a subject interesting to all Christians, shall be the means of edifying and encouraging any, I shall be more than compensated for this imperfect performance of the task which friendship has imposed upon me.

These meditations, and the immediate occasion of them, have deeply affected me. While they have led me to travel in thought among the angel morning stars and redeemed inhabitants of heaven, they have brought afresh to my mind past experiences and remembrances of the most touching character. The acquaintances of my youth are fast disappearing ; and in some places that I visit, I seem already to be a man of another generation than of that which lived when I commenced public life. That life, busy as it has been, seems but a day. Perhaps not half a day remains to finish my course of labour. Ah ! when we wrap ourselves in the shrouds of our departed friends, and, for a while, as it were, lay down in their graves, what views do we thence form of the world, of religion, of the cross, of heaven ! Riches change, honours change, opinions change, passions change, friendships change, customs change, societies change ; but RELIGION changes not—its 'light shines more and more unto the perfect day ;' the virtue of the Cross changes not—it is still the 'power

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