

and mature, his eyes grey, clear and quick, in reproving he is terrible ; in admonishing, he is courteous and fair spoken ; pleasant in conversation, mixed with gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen him laugh, but many have seen him weep.—In proportion of body most excellent, his arms and hands most delicate to behold.—In speaking he is temperate, modest and wise. A man for his singular beauty surpassing the children of men.

PREJUDICES OF EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the CHRISTIAN SENTINEL.

REV. SIR,

THE following incident, mentioned by Mr. Nelson, in his life of Bishop Bull, was thought worthy of relation by the pious and learned biographer, because, in his own words, "it sheweth how valuable the liturgy is in itself, and what unreasonable prejudices are sometimes taken up against it,"

"He was sent for, while minister of St. George's, to baptize the child of a Dissenter in his parish ; upon which occasion he made use of the office of baptism, as prescribed by the Church of England, which he had got entirely by heart ; and he went through it with so much readiness and freedom, and yet with so much gravity and devotion, and gave that life and spirit to all that he delivered, that the whole audience was extremely affected with his performance ; and notwithstanding that he used the sign of the cross, yet, they were so ignorant of the offices of the Church, that they did not thereby discover that it was the Common Prayer. But after that he had concluded that holy action, the father of the child returned him a great many thanks, intimating, at the same time, with how much greater edification they prayed, who entirely depended upon the spirit of God for his assistance in their extemporaneous effusions, than those did who tied themselves up to premeditated forms ; and that if he had not made the sign of the cross, that badge of popery, as he called it, nobody could have formed the least objection against his excellent prayers. Upon which, Mr. Bull, hoping to recover him from his ill-grounded prejudices, showed him the office of baptism in the liturgy, wherein was contained every prayer which he had offered up to God on that occasion ; which, with farther arguments that he urged, so effectually wrought upon the good man and his whole family, that they always after that time frequented the parish church, and never more absented themselves from Mr. Bull's communion." From whence we may reasonably conclude that as a mistaken zeal may throw contempt upon what justly deserves to be admired, so also