

him. The end to be gained, being the same in the second step as in the first, the same qualifications and directions, as to the spirit in which the business is to be gone about, are required in both, though the agents be different. These directions as given above (on verse 15), may not unwisely be consulted by those called upon to carry out this second part of the Saviour's rule.

(To be concluded in our next.)

THE LATE REV. MR. ROAF.

Unavoidable circumstances have delayed until next issue, a sketch of Mr. Roaf's life, which we expected to have laid before our readers this month.

Trans-Atlantic Retrospect.

The Bi-centenary of British Nonconformity has been commemorated in a manner worthy of the occasion; and all who united in doing homage to the memory of the noble army of Confessors, that, two centuries ago, went forth without the camp bearing the reproach of Christ, will best promote the cause of truth and righteousness in these days, by emulating the self-denying virtue of the men whose deeds they honour. We extract the following interesting remarks from the *Nonconformist*:—

"What manner of day it was on Sunday, August 24, 1662, history has failed to tell, but St. Bartholomew's-day, 1862, was one which favoured a bright, happy, and peaceful commemoration of an act of silent and heroic suffering. A thin haze hung over the metropolis in the earlier part of the day, but elsewhere the sun shone with a mellow brightness, suggestive of calm and quiet thoughts, and inclining to grateful recollection and praise.

"The Commemoration of the Bicentenary has been fitting and appropriate. More public addresses are reported in the present number of the *Nonconformist* than perhaps any newspaper has ever before attempted to report. For the day was as universally as it was fittingly celebrated. No part of the country was silent. The smallest villages kept it as sacredly as the great towns, and the almost infinite metropolis. On that day, also, the Nonconformists, for most part, remembered only their common ancestry. Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Baptist, were Nonconformist believers—no separating *ism* preventing the same truths being enforced, and the same lesson taught, from the same common facts. The day, therefore, it may be hoped, has welded us closer together in spirit, sympathy, and purpose.

"In other ways the commemoration has been a most worthy one. Next to the lofty morality of tone, the inflexibility of principle, and the profound spirituality which characterise the discourses preached last Sunday, no common feature will perhaps strike the reader more forcibly than the intellectual ability which they display. The Nonconformist ministers as a whole have shown themselves in this as in some other matters not unworthy of their ancestry. It would, we believe, be impossible for any body of Christians in the world more ably to set forth the principles and lessons of the Gospel than have those preachers who last Sunday held forth the word of truth to the vast multitudes who had willingly and spontaneously come to listen.