

natural and proper, and his connection with many of our most useful institutions was greatly valued as it was greatly blessed. A husband and a parent, much of his happiness seemed to be enjoyed in the domestic circle, and he conducted the religious duties of the family with interest and pleasure. A devoted and zealous member of our Church, he took much delight in the foundation and management of our most valuable schemes, and reviewed the proceedings of our Ecclesiastical Courts with affection and regard. An office-bearer in this congregation, much of what has been the means of promoting your comfort and stability originated with him, and he was ever ready to give an active and cheerful support to all that is calculated to establish and extend the interests of pure and undefiled religion. In a word, and that in the language of Scripture, he was "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

His useful and honourable career has been brought to a close. He has been cut down in the prime of life and in the midst of his activities. He has gone to his rest under the burden of many engagements. It is the Lord's doing. It must be a kind dispensation, however severe. It is our warning. Up and do! May the Lord give us grace to kiss the rod with which we are