

REV. JOHN KING.

No man is willing to toil in vain. We all like to see the fruit of our toil. The farmer who tills the soil is pleased to behold an abundant harvest. The capitalist is gratified when investments are profitable. The educator rejoices to witness the utility of his instructions in the improvement of his pupils. The physician is cheered when his skill is demonstrated in the recovery of his patients. Unproductive labour does not satisfy. This is an old and well established principle in temporal things, and is none the less true of things spiritual. It was predicted of Christ Jesus that "He should see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied." It was the mind and teaching of Christ that His people should not only bear fruit but much fruit, and that this fruit should remain, that their joy might be full. To this the great apostle alludes when he says: "That I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." The same reward is in store for all who faithfully live for Christ, and who truly love His appearing. And as we are now writing of the long and eminently successful ministry of our late Father King, we can truly glorify God in him, and rejoice that he did not run in vain, nor labor in vain. We do not refer to his removal from the scenes of toil merely because he was an esteemed friend and patriot, who exerted an important influence in the religious world and ought not to be allowed to pass away without recognition of his character and services; but because there were remarkable instances in his early history in which he and others saw the finger of God.

HIS BIRTH—John King was born of Presbyterian parents in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1819. At the age of ten years he was sent to learn the lapidary trade with an uncle, who kept a shop in Prince's Street, Edinburgh. Then were the days in which the powerful and evangelical preaching and teaching of the Haldane brothers were permeating Scotland, especially its capital. Through the influence of John Terbot, a companion, young King was persuaded to attend the Baptist meeting on Niddery Street, where, according to his own words, his "mental eyes were opened, he saw himself in a new light," and was ex-