

His thoughts, his desires, his affections, especially as his days drew near their close were almost entirely, in the fullest sense withdrawn from the world, inasmuch that his soul, though "absent in the body," might almost be said to be "present with the Lord." His religion was no half religion; but pervaded every feeling of his heart, and so far as the infirmity of human nature would allow, every action of his life. He felt that he was but an humble steward of the mysteries of God,—he felt that he was indebted to the rich freeness of heaven for every thing he possessed,—he felt that he should be held accountable at the last day for the right exercise of every talent, and means of doing good, with which he was endowed;—and feeling these things we need not wonder that he was so humble in mind, so "ferrent in spirit serving the Lord."

In meek and holy humility he followed the example of his divine master. Of him we may say, as the sweet Psalmist of Israel says of himself, "Lord, I am not high minded, I have no proud looks." His humility appeared in his whole deportment, and in every thing in which he was engaged. Towards all men he conducted himself as though he felt that, like St. Paul, he had for "Christ's sake become the servant of all." Notwithstanding his exalted rank, both in Church and State he cheerfully condescended to those of low degree. Nor in this respect alone did this excellent trait in his character appear; for in lowliness of heart he thought each one better than himself. He readily acknowledged his deficiencies, and always paid a candid regard to the judgment of others in whom he saw reason to confide. In whatever company he might be, he was seen, not as a branch of one of the noblest and most ancient families in the Empire, or as a Bishop who had received the commendations of all men, but he was seen as the father of his people, as the friend of the poor, as the counsellor of the afflicted, as the pastor of his flock, as the well beloved of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Never did he seek to appear great in the eyes of men. But always, through the grace of God, was enabled to preserve the simplicity of character that belongs to the true disciple of the meek and lowly Saviour of the world.

Thus, brethren, I have endeavored to set before you a faint but faithful outline of the character of our late beloved and much lamented Bishop. At a time when the obligation to missionary labor was even more imperfectly understood than it now is, and when, from various circumstances incident to most new settlements, the work in this country was rendered more arduous