

I shall only add, that it is the opinion of those who had the best opportunity of knowing, that although Mrs. Caldwell was the subject of so much affliction, and the temptations common to other christians, yet she never lost a sense of her personal acceptance with God, or brought the slightest reproach upon her christian profession. May her family, and the church of which she was a steady member, follow her as she followed Christ.

DIVINITY.

LIFE AND MORTALITY.

A SERMON:

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"Jesus Christ who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."—2 Timothy i. 10.

— Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καταργησαντος μὲν τὸν θάνατον φωτισαντος δὲ ζωὴν καὶ ἀθάνατον διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου *

"God," says the sublime author of the epistle to the Hebrews, "who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, and by whom also he made the worlds." For Him, *that in all things He might have the pre-eminence*, it was reserved—as a prophet, to speak as never man spake—as a priest, to propitiate offended justice by the sacrificial offering of Himself upon the altar of Calvary—and as a King, to achieve such illustrious trophies as should prove Him to be IMMANUEL, *God with us*.

The lofty anticipations of recorded prophecy on this favourite theme of inspiration, were amply realized in the life, death, and resurrection of the Redeemer; and in the joy-inspiring retrospect of those accomplishments it was, that the Apostle uttered the dignified and rapturous enunciation—*Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel*.

Imposing are the aspects under which these words present the Christian system, and splendid the glory with which they invest its author. Eminently illustrative of that progressive plan which pervades the entire series of the divine communications to man, they display in new and unclouded evolution, doctrines which as moral and accountable beings we cannot contemplate but with deepest interest and solicitude,—the immortality of the soul, and the resurrection of the body.

*The original is given in order to facilitate a reference to those words contained in it, upon which elucidatory remarks are offered.