

diocese, of which the correspondence was become most voluminous.* His sufferings in the closing scene were none : after a state of tranquil insensibility, his sun, before it set, broke for an instant through the cloud, and gave a prognostic of the glory of its future rising. His recollection and his faculties returned; his hands were occasionally clasped in prayer, and extended in an attitude of happy expectation; he attempted to speak to those who hung over him, but the power of articulation was, in a great measure, denied him; he uttered, with difficulty, a few broken sentences and devout ejaculations, but he spoke, in a parting look, all that words could have spoken; his countenance, which was filled with a delightful serenity, and radiant with hope, left an impression upon those who witnessed it, of which they will carry to their own graves the consoling recollection.† His relations and friends, indeed, will always remember him with most reverential affection, and all who knew him, with respect. The poor will mourn him as a benefactor of no common generosity, and "the blessing of him that was ready to perish" will mix itself, to embalm his memory, with the surviving attachments of dependents, and the thankful recollections of many whom he has soothed in affliction, relieved in embarrassment, advised in perplexity, withheld from imprudence, reconciled in estrangement from their brethren, or led by the hand in the way of Truth. Those who have known him in the public business of the Province, will acknowledge no less his ready exercise of the powers of a mind both rarely gifted, and richly stored, than his integrity, his *droiture d'âme*, his singleness of purpose, his firmness and consistency of conduct; and those with whom he acted in concert will own, that there were times when others leaned upon him in difficulty, borrowed strength from his example, and counted upon him to preserve things in their proper course. His services upon some important occasions as a member of both the executive and legislative councils of the Province, have been most handsomely acknowledged by His Majesty's Representatives. In the former capacity he sat frequently in the Court of Appeals; and in whatever he undertook, was a faithful and laborious servant of the public and of the crown. He had latterly, however, retired from all but professional occupation, and long before he wholly retired had a strong dislike to secular business. With regard to other points, he was eminently a scholar, a gentleman, a companion, a domestic guide and comforter; and united, in a most remarkable manner, qualities which commanded respect and even awe, with a cheerful affability, and often a playfulness, which threw a charm

* The last letter which the Bishop wrote with his own hand, appears to have been a draft by himself in the diocese letter-book, of a letter to Colonel Talbot, U. C. respecting a candidate for Holy Orders, for whom that gentleman was interested.

† It is remarkable that the same number of the Christian Remembrancer contains a Review of the *Memoirs of the Life, &c. of Dr. Middleton*, first Protestant Bishop in India, by Archdeacon Bonney, in one of the extracts from which, giving an account of the Bishop's death, it is stated, that "just before his departure an expressive smile spread itself over his features."