

secretary, until severe illness compelled him to relinquish its duties.

In the summer of 1834, this excellent man was visited with an affliction, from the effects of which he probably never entirely recovered, in the loss of his eldest son, Mr. Boswell Gregory, who was accidentally drowned in the Thames. Mr. Boswell Gregory was a young man of considerable abilities, accomplished education, of a most amiable disposition, and possessed of a degree of soundness of judgment and solidity of character far beyond his years. Hence Dr. Gregory appeared to regard him with the consideration due to a valued friend, no less than with the affection of a father. Indeed, the natural humility which constituted so beautiful a feature in the character of Dr. Gregory, seems to have been still further deepened amidst the sacred sorrows of a parent, and it was most affecting to hear the venerable mourner alluding to his deceased son as his "counsellor." It was the privilege of the writer of this brief sketch to visit his beloved and revered friend for a day or two, very shortly after the occurrence of this desolating calamity; and he can never forget, nor ever call to mind without emotion, the deep but dignified sorrow of this inestimable man, nor the beautiful gleams of consolation which shone through the tears of parental distress, from those bright hopes and truths which he has so invaluable developed to others.

Intense and long-continued intellectual labor at length so far impaired the health of Dr. Gregory, that in June, 1838, he was compelled to resign the professor's chair at Woolwich. Upon this painful occasion, he delivered a farewell lecture at the College, which was immediately published, and which is doubtless regarded by those who enjoyed the privilege of his instructions as an invaluable legacy, while the occasion can surely never be forgotten by those admiring friends of Dr. Gregory (chiefly military officers residing at Woolwich) who obtained access to the lecture-room. Of the lecture itself nothing more need be said, than that it is a most beautiful transcript alike of the intellect and the heart of its author. On occasion of the doctor's resignation, the gentlemen cadets did themselves the honour to make

him a most tasteful and valuable present of plate. Since his resignation of office, Dr. Gregory has published a very valuable little work entitled *Hints to Teachers*.

Engagements so laborious, important, and diversified, as those in which Dr. Gregory has been engaged for more than thirty years, have acquired for him an extended celebrity and influence, not only in his own, but also in foreign countries. They have also induced many learned bodies to enrol him among their honorary members. Among these are, the Academy of Dijon, the Literary and Philosophical Society of New York, the Historical Society of New York, the Literary and Philosophical Societies at Cambridge and Bristol, the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Parisian Statistical Society, and others. About eight years ago he also had the honour of being appointed, by his late Majesty, one of a board of fourteen men of science who were constituted visitors of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. In addition to the works already noticed, Dr. Gregory has edited new editions of Joyce's *Scientific Dialogues*; of Lobb's *Contemplative Philosopher*; some of Dr. George Gregory's works; and, subsequently, superintended the English edition of Bishop M'Ilvaine's *Evidences of Christianity*. He has also published, *Mathematics for Practical Men*; and memoirs of his friend, the late Dr. John Mason Good.

Within the last twelve months Dr. Gregory suffered two or three paralytic seizures; the last so severe as to leave no hope of his recovery. During this fatal illness the intellectual faculties of the sufferer were much obscured through the effects of his disease, but to the last his expressive countenance was lighted up with the mild and sunset radiance of serenity and peace. On the 2nd of February last he exchanged the scene of his invaluable labours for that of his eternal reward.

In his religious opinions Dr. Gregory was a Dissenter and a Baptist,* and was for many years in communion with the Baptist church in Maze Pond, Southwark. Though the tenets referred to were immovably fixed in his creed, and

* Dr. Gregory was baptized by Mr. Hall, at Cambridge, in 1797 or 1798.