

RICHARD BAXTER. Kidderminster. "I can as willingly be a martyr for love, as for any article of the creed." During his last illness, when asked how he did, he was accustomed to say, "Almost well"; and sometimes, "Better than I deserve to be, but not so well as I hope to be."

OLIVER HEYWOOD, B. D. Coley, Yorkshire. "I prize learning above all sublunary excellencies, and I might have been more useful had I improved my time better therein."

GEORGE EVANKE. Ayton Magna, Yorkshire. "How much soever God takes from you, it is less than you owe him; and how little soever he leaves you, it is less than he owes you; therefore, instead of murmuring that your condition is so ill, bless God that it is no worse."

PHILIP HENRY, A. M. Worthenbury, N. Wales. "Guilt in the soul is like a mote in the eye,—not at ease till wept out."—"Let him be afraid to die that is afraid to go to heaven."—"It were a good thought in a doubtful matter, What would Jesus Christ do if he were here?"

SAMUEL CLARK, A. M. Grendon, Bucks. "I find little savour or relish in dry crabbed notions, which have no influence upon practice. Now I grow old, such discourses as may prepare me for eternity, help me to further acquaintance and communion with God, and stir up my sluggish desires after him, are more suitable both to my necessities and inclinations."

JOHN BAILEY. Chester. "O that I may not be of the number of them that live without love, speak without feeling, and act without life!"—"If I can but exchange outward comforts for inward graces, 'tis well enough. O for a heart to glorify God in the fire!"

JOHN OLDFIELD. Carsington, Derbyshire. "When God will not use thee one way, he will in another. A soul that desires to serve and honour God shall never want opportunity to do it; nor must thou so limit the Holy One of Israel as to think that he hath but one way in which he can glorify himself by thee."

THOMAS DOWN, A. M. Exeter. When enduring excruciating pain he was accustomed to say, "I am upon my father's rack."

GEORGE HUGHES, B. D. Plymouth. "Free communion with God in prison is worth a thousand liberties gained with the loss of liberty of spirit. The Lord keep us his freemen!"

JOHN KNOWLES. Bristol. "I had rather be in a jail, where I might have a number of souls to whom I might preach the truths of my blessed Master, than live idle in my own house without any such opportunities."

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