

though not a star of the first magnitude in the spiritual heavens, was nevertheless a "shining light"—one whose unselfish nature, beautiful harmony of spiritual development, humble, plodding industry in the work of God, and undying attachment to our beloved Church, cannot fail to render a biography interesting, instructive and useful to all readers, but especially to the members of our connexion.

Though not converted amongst us, he, by a course of rather singular circumstances, became one of us ; admirably defended and advocated our polity ; laboured hard and long to promote our interests ; and dying, bequeathed us the rich legacy of an unspotted reputation, and the influence of a life entirely devoted to his sacred calling. His spiritual family amongst us, in the aggregate, is, doubtless, large ; and of those that sprang from his loins, three sons are amongst our most honoured and useful ministers.

The first time the writer of this sketch saw him was more than twenty years ago, on a Sabbath morning, mounted on his faithful steed, cautiously passing over a rough crossway in the Township of ' rock, to a distant appointment. We were much struck with his venerable and saintly appearance. Conspicuously did he then bear the stamp of an intelligent, upright and earnest man. Such was the first impression he made on our mind—an impression which a long and very intimate acquaintance only served to justify and deepen. During the year we travelled together on the Middleton circuit—a year, in most respects, distressing