

communicate the truth to others, were eminently characteristic of our departed friend. He was, however, a man of one book. One who knew him well says—"The Bible was his chief delight, his constant companion. His reverence for the word of God was deep and abiding. He never would permit any article to be placed upon a copy of the Bible, and has been known to purchase a mutilated copy, that it might not be dishonoured as wrapping paper. Towards the close of his life, he read no other book; and when too weak to read himself, he was scrupulously exact in listening to his appointed portion, according to his own marginal marks, refusing to consent to any curtailment. He was a devourer of Scripture, meditating in the divine law, like the Psalmist, "day and night." "The Lord's day and the Sanctuary," says the same friend, "he regarded with peculiarly devout and reverential feeling. Once, when consulted about Sunday reading, he said—'The Bible is the Sunday-book;' and with this his own conduct and his household arrangements exactly agreed. Many well remember his venerable form in the house of God, as he sat with upturned face and fixed attention, hearing the message of salvation. He was very solicitous to train his family, by example and precept, in the fear of God, like Abraham of old, of whom the Lord said—'I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord.'" Indeed, it were difficult to find a better reproduction of the Abrahamic spirit and the Abrahamic blessedness. Blessed with a wife, likeminded with himself, he lived to see every one of his nine children walking in the Abrahamic faith, and adorning the doctrine of God their Saviour. Out of ten children, the highly-favoured parents were bereaved of only one, that God in infancy called home as they journeyed from the old world to the new; and in a long life together of 55 years, they never saw a death or corpse in their dwelling. To them, as to Abraham, God was a shield and an exceeding great reward. The very aspect of our departed friend, in his old age, was eminently patriarchal. One could scarcely see him without thinking of the father of the faithful; and one can scarcely hear how God preserved him and his, in Yonge Street, shortly after their arrival, while Asiatic cholera raged around them, and entered the very next house on either hand, without remembering how God took care of the patriarchs wherever they went.

The review of such a life would be utterly imperfect without reverting to its beginning. Whence came the excellence of such a character? It is not native to man; it is not general among men; it cannot be self-created; it stands out in such marked and thorough contrast with the course of the world as necessarily to imply a divine source and cause. In London, England, our departed friend was born in 1793, and born again in the first year of his married life; for in 1815 he joined the Congregational Church, in Camberwell, London, under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Innes. To this he was mainly led by the beloved partner of his long and happy married life. Both themselves and their parents had belonged to the Anglo-Episcopal Church, but till the year ending in 1815, he had not been led to decision for Christ, and to the knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins. How truly our venerable friend's heart was then subdued and sanctified by the grace of God appears from a consistent, earnest, useful Christian life of fifty-four years, 19 in England, 35 here. In him, as in all God's children, divine life at once evinced itself in acknowledgment of Christ and in ardent, activity for him. In London, on Sunday morning, he taught in the Sunday school, and led the children to public worship; in the afternoon, he taught again in one of the classes; and in the evening, he gathered together the poorest particularly, to make known to them the salvation that is in Christ Jesus; thus evincing that he lived by Christ and for Christ. It deserves to be noted as a lesson to young Christians, and as a reproof to the indolent, that besides all this on the Lord's day, he found time for a Sunday teachers' prayer meeting, and for the visitation of the sick and destitute, and that all this was the labour of his wedded life.