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stly uth, and for diffusing it widely amongst the people. His selections, made with much care, were exceedingly judicious, and well adapted to his readers. His editorials were generally marked with sound, sterling sense, and uncompromising integrity. If they occasionally savoured of severity, the error generally leaned to virtue's side. He displayed an honesty of purpose and a frankness of character, which could but commend him, even to those who differed from him in opinion, as one worthy of confidence and respect.

As a theologian, his views of truth were comprehensive, clear and consistent. He recognized fully the sovercignty of God in the salvation of the Church; but he maintained with equal confidence that man is an accountable agent; that the message of mercy in the Gospel is freely and fully addressed to him, and that it is his solemn duty to embrace it without delay. It is somewhat remarkable that he made an explicit statement of his views upon these subjects, in a sermon which he preached at Wolfville, the Sabbath before his death, founded 1 yon the passage, "Whom he did foreknow, he also uid predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, the he might be the first-born among many brethren." Competent judges present expressed themselves as being highly delighted and edified with his lucid exhibition of Scriptural doctrine on that occasion. That last sermon will long be remembered.

As a preacher, he was not, in the usual acceptation of the term, eloquent, but he was powerful, pungent, and highly practical. His sermons were rich in sound argument, and in Scriptural truth; full of weighty thoughts, and addressed with much point to the understanding and to the conscience. His strong forte was to edify the Church, to build her up in the truth, and to make her feel the responsibilities of her position, as the light of the world.

His sentiments being highly practical, his life partook largely of this element. He was emphatically a working man, and, like his Divine Master, he seemed constantly to realize his obligations to do good. Blessed with a healthy constitution, as well as with a vigorous mind, he was enabled to labour indefatigably in the cause; and his mind being so thoroughly disciplined and trained for action, his labour was not only performed with comparative ease to himself, but a large amount of we k was done in a short time. If his life was not as long as others, he has prebably accomplished as much as most men do when life is prolonged to three score years and ten.

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