

continued to regard him with unabated respect and affection.

To you he came ten years ago,—in the prime of manhood, in the full vigour of his mental faculties, and prepared, not merely by the study of abstract truth, but by a ripe and lengthened experience, to perform among you the duties of the Christian ministry. And the prevailing feeling amongst you, this day, testifies to the worth of his character,—to the value of his services, to the power of his ministrations, to the zeal and fidelity and conscientious activity, which he manifested in the work of the Lord. That he spoke with power and fervency and affection, from the place which I now occupy, whether in calling sinners to repentance or in seeking to stir up the languid graces of those whom he believed to be genuine disciples of the Saviour, and to raise among them the standard of Christian morals, and of Christian exertion, is known to all. But it was not only in the pulpit that he stood forth as the minister of Christ. Always, he carried about with him the remembrance of his office, and his special work, and more than many of us his brethren dare say we do, he seized the opportunities which presented themselves, to convey spiritual instruction, advice and warning. That he was assiduous in the more private duties of his office—in visiting the members of his congregation, in giving counsel or encouragement, or reproof, as the circumstances required,—in attending to the wants, and relieving the distresses of the poor and the needy,—above all, in waiting on the sick and the dying, to impart to them the consolations of religion, and with earnest tenderness to commend to them the power and grace of the Saviour, there is but one testimony from all. It is much—much for a people to value, and