

triumphant defence of the truth with that of Chalmers, and his manifold successes with those of Bramwell, and his triumphant death with that of Stoner.

I know not how it may have impressed the minds of those who best knew our late departed venerated friend, whose sudden death has brought so great a concourse to the house of God ; but I have often been led to view his labours, and his zeal, and his self-denial, and his successes, as truly apostolic in their character ; and, blessed be God ! his death was as apostolic as his life ; so that, without the least impropriety, though his natural modesty and his Christian humility were too great to suggest the analogy, he might have said with the apostle in the language of the text : “ I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith : henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day : and not