

have lived, if you had peace, it *must* have been a false one."

His kindness of heart appeared in his open handed charity. His congregation at first contained many, who were—not poor, in the sense of those destitute of property in cities, but poor in the sense of, though having land, being at times pressed for means to obtain the necessities of life. Often has he given out of his own limited stores, to relieve such, not knowing when the supply would be returned or whether it would be returned at all. For a length of time, he was the friend to whom every man in his congregation, who was in difficulty was ready to resort. His sympathies were enlisted on behalf of such, and he was soon interested in expedients for their relief, and his diligence seldom relaxed until he saw them successful.

But his tenderness of nature especially appeared in the deep concern, which he felt in the condition of his flock. To those who saw him, the Lion like champion of the truth, and the stern denouncer of evil, it may be new, that such was the sensitiveness of his nature, perhaps increased by ill health, that his mind was often filled with the deepest concern, and his spirit often pressed above measure, by matters in his congregation, or by the condition of individuals and families among them. Their afflictions he sometimes took upon him as his own, but it was especially their spiritual affairs that oppressed him. The discords among brethren, the inconsistency of professors, the fall of some, the hopes disappointed in regard to those who promised well, the carelessness of sinners and the profligacy of others, at times almost weighed him to the ground. These were troubles over which indeed "his soul wept in secret places," and how he carried them to the Master, and how also he rejoiced in every manifestation of the Saviour's grace to his flock, will never be fully known on earth. A hint, however, is given in the following, which appears at the close of one of the Session books.

"This book contains the record of the transactions of the Session of Glenelg for a period of twenty years and of Sherbrooke and Caledonia for a part of that term. From this date the transactions of the Glenelg Session will be inserted in the book kept by the Glenelg Session. Should any one feel disposed to look into it after its present owners are removed to the unseen world, let him know that it contains the record of a period full of anxiety to at least the Moderator of Session. There were many difficulties to be overcome, but having obtained help of God, we have been enabled to persevere. The future, so far as we can judge is not all that we could wish."

In fact in the combination of energy and

gentleness he was the best reproduction we have seen in actual life of the Mr. Greatheart of Bunyan's Pilgrim. In him there was combined the fearless warrior and the tender shepherd. Ready to face every Lion in the way, or to buckle on his armour to do battle (and never feeble in battle either) with every Giant Grim or Giant Slaygood, who might assail his charge, he was equally ready to talk with Christiansa and the children—to condescend to Mr. Feeblemind—to cheer Mr. Despondency—to take the lambs in his arms and gently lead those that were with the young.

It was thus that he obtained that place in the affections of his congregation, which, he possessed, for few ministers indeed have been so much beloved by their people.

SHADOWS.

Here, however, we must draw a shade over the picture. We are aware that strangers who only knew him during some of his late years, and, who saw but little of him, will regard our portrait as too highly colored. We wish to be candid, and his was a character that would afford to have its defects fairly exhibited. Sure we are that, could he address us as we are now employed, such was his inherent love of truth and hatred of everything like show or pretence, he would say, paint me as I was, as Cromwell said to the painter, who proposed omitting the warts on his countenance, "no, paint me, warts and all." Well, we may acknowledge that there were times, when this picture was considerably shaded. But equally certain are we, that this was mainly the effect of disease. His complaint was one, which, not entirely prostrating him, made the whole head sick and the whole heart faint; and though his brave spirit stoutly resisted its influence, yet gradually it showed its power in every part of his work. It forced him to diminish his labors, it destroyed the energy of his preaching and other public efforts. But especially it affected his spirits and temper. One of the deepest mysteries of our constitution, is the connection of all our mental and even spiritual exercises, with the state of the biliary system. As his disease reached its height, he would therefore have been more than mortal, had he not shown its effects in his feelings and language. Hence we may say candidly that there were times and especially at the worst crisis of his disorder, when he showed an irritability unlike himself before or after—when his natural dultness assumed forms, that appeared to strangers as rudeness—and when, in what may be called his dyspeptic moods, he spoke words," which tried the patience even of friends and brethren who loved him. But these never lost their confidence in him, nor their affection for him. Those