

of composure which evinced the sincerity of his faith, he began to "set his house in order," and prepare for the impending change.

How affecting, yet sublime a spectacle, did he then present! Here was one of earth's most favoured sons, surrounded by everything which could make life desirable, summoned ere he had reached the meridian of life, called upon deliberately to surrender all the earthly advantages, honours and enjoyments, for which he had toiled so diligently and with such signal success. How keen the trial! How vast the sacrifice, in a worldly sense! Yet he bows in meek and pious submission to the mandate of that Almighty Being who he was persuaded ordered all things wisely and well for his people.

Some perhaps may imagine that the retrospect of his useful life,—his benevolence, his integrity, his charity,—contributed to extract the sting from death, and smooth his dying pillow. But no, my brethren, it was with him as with every child of God under similar circumstances. However grateful he may have been, and doubtless was, to his Heavenly Father, for using him as an instrument for the good of others, yet when he viewed his performances in the light of eternity, he saw too much of imperfection, too much of sin, even in his best actions, to place any dependence upon them for hope towards God. Instead of being buoyed up by a sense of his attainments, he sank under the consciousness of his own unworthiness. And it was when emptied of self and all that the self-righteous delude themselves with, that he saw the beautiful adaptation of the Gospel scheme of salvation to the exigencies of sinful man. He felt, in that trying hour, the unspeakable comfort of having such a Saviour as that provided in the Gospel to flee unto,—one who was both "able and willing to save "to the uttermost them who come unto God by him." In humility and faith he, therefore, cast himself upon Christ alone for acceptance with God; and the rich and