

ons, appeared to most of the congregation with whom I have conversed, to increase to the last. His path was truly like * "The shining light, that
 "shineth more and more unto the perfect day." His lamp rose in splendour till its extinction in endless night as to this world, but to rekindle its brilliancy in the land of perpetual light, where,
 † "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and
 "ever."

Brethren, the death of our friend, was sudden and unexpected; but it was far from being without its particular consolations. He died in the midst of his duty, having just spoken consolation to the afflicted, and imparted admonitions never to be forgotten by those who heard them; and we have every reason to say, with the blessed sentiments he had so impressively communicated, reigning triumphantly in his heart. After such a life of meekness, humility, Christian charity, and devotion, and brought to such a close; surely the particular mode of his death, could be of small moment. And we have the satisfaction of knowing, that he suffered no lingering pains.

There is nothing in the death of this venerable person, which most of us would not wish for ourselves, except the suddenness of it. The employ-

* Prov. iv.—18.

† Dan. xii.—3.

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