

and deplored the divisions among Christians. To the Church of Scotland he cherished a warm affection, and he often said that there were "many things in the Church of England which Presbyterians would do well to imitate." His sermons were carefully prepared and committed to memory, except in later years, when he frequently extemporised. They were earnest and practical, full of common sense and weighty matter, set forth in plain and forcible language, and, though less ornate than his other compositions, were not wanting in the flowers of imagination. His public prayers, to which he gave much consideration, were richly devotional and often very beautiful. Almost his only contributions to the Press were letters written to the Wigtownshire and Halifax newspapers. One of his chosen fields of usefulness was the writing of letters to those mourning the death of friends. These letters were often exceedingly beautiful and touching, and were greatly appreciated.