

Gospel, or in the teaching of its great Author, which requires us to be insensible to the losses we sustain by the ravages of death, and *yours* is now a heavy loss, over which you do and may justly mourn. The pastor whom God has been pleased to remove from amongst you, was one endowed in no common measure, with the gifts and graces, necessary for the highest exercise of the Christian ministry. He had by nature a clear and powerful understanding, and it was early disciplined and improved not only in the regular course of education prescribed by the Church, but in the progress of studies much more laborious and extensive, than it is common, or often convenient for students for the ministry to prosecute. He had at an early period of life acquired correct views of evangelical truth.—and knew that truth, not merely by study, and as a science, but, by personal experience, in its power over the conscience and the affections. From the commencement of his public duty, as a Preacher and a Minister of the Gospel, he had, doubtless amidst many imperfections and failings, which none was more ready to acknowledge and deplore, yet clearly, steadily, habitually, an end in view, and that the end proper to his sacred calling,—the glory of his great Master, and the salvation of immortal souls. There is reason to believe that in the first charge to which he was appointed in this Province, and in which he laboured for sixteen years, his ministry was largely blessed to many,—and it is certain, that in discharging the duties of the pastoral office, he gained the affection and confidence of the people,—that he was instrumental in no ordinary degree in exciting their interest, and calling forth their liberality, in behalf of any enterprize of Christian benevolence ;—that they deeply regretted his departure from among them,—and that they