

nor understanding, nor council, against the Lord. Prov. xxi. 30.

*The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.*

*No weapon that is formed against thee SHALL PROSPER; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. Is. liv. 17.*

*I, even I, am he that comforteth you: Who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man that shall be made as grass? &c.*

In another paper are several passages, from which, as it is stated in his own hand writing, he was accustomed to derive the greatest relief, support, and direction."

Such as: *Nevertheless, though I am sometimes afraid, yet put I my trust in THEE, Ps. lvi. 3. Prayer-Book Version.*

*Or, what time I am afraid, I will trust in THEE.*

*Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." Ps. xxxvii. 5.*

*My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from HIM. Ps. lxii. 5.*

*Trust in Him AT ALL TIMES: ye people, POUR OUT YOUR HEART BEFORE HIM. ib. 8.*

*Let him take hold of my strength that he may make peace with me: and HE SHALL MAKE PEACE WITH ME. Is. xxvii. 5.*

What an instructive lesson would it have afforded, to behold him, in his many afflictions thus casting himself upon the goodness of God, and reposing in the comfort of His exceeding great and precious promises!

On one occasion, when much depressed by very painful intelligence, he writes—

"I sought comfort from meditation on the Word of God; particu-

larly I was much relieved by reflecting on the passage—*In the multitude of sorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts refresh my soul.* Oh, for faith in the divine promises, and the faculty of applying them wisely and effectually to my own condition!"

At another time, being greatly afflicted, and finding that a friend was yet more troubled than himself, he observes—

"The comparison of situations threw me upon my knees; and made me bless God for the kind proportion in which he had measured out my chastisements."

Of a somewhat similar description are the following extracts:—

"*April 23. Humbled myself before God many times this day; having been astonished to find such powerful corruptions within me. I betrayed a great hastiness of spirit yesterday evening: this is a sign that the grace of God has not been improved as it ought to have been. I will, by God's assistance, watch against this propensity. And, oh, that I may never again offend Him, or wound my conscience by falling into that snare of the Devil! Let every one of you be slow to wrath.*"

"*Sunday, April 24. Have humbled myself before God this morning, and do resolve to watch and pray, that I enter not into temptation. May the Lord pardon all my sins: and secure me, by his grace from falling into them again! Amen.*"

It ought to be recollected, that the Writer was a man of remarkably fine temper.

Most, if not all these passages, were written many years ago.—"What," it may be asked, "was the state of his mind as he approached the termination of life?"

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