

concerning him, in the almost prophetic words, which I quote from the Report of the Venerable Society for the year 1804, "The Lord Bishop of Quebec has communicated to the Society, in a letter dated June 25th, 1803, that the Mission of Cornwall has been filled up by a Mr. Strachan, whom the Bishop ordained for that purpose, having been first mentioned to the Bishop by Governor Hunter, as desirous to obtain holy orders in the Church of England, and afterwards recommended by Mr. Cartwright, a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, by the Rev. Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Chief Justice Elmsley, and by many other gentlemen worthy of great regard and respect; and the Bishop further adds, that upon examination, he was so well satisfied with respect to Mr. Strachan's principles, attainments and demeanour, that he must confess that he shall be more than commonly disappointed if he do not become a very useful and respectable Minister." It is scarcely needful to add, that the almost prophetic anticipations pronounced 65 years ago, were amply realized in the highly useful and honourable career of him, whose prolonged existence of 90 years, terminated so peacefully and happily in November last. There must, indeed, at even a much earlier period of his life, have been indications of a superior mind, a vigorous intellect, and engaging disposition, when at the early age of 17 or 18, they could make so deep an impression on the mind of the late Dr. Duncan, Professor of Mathematics in the University of St. Andrews, and one of the most profound mathematicians of his day, that 50 years after their separation, he spoke to the preacher in terms of most affectionate regard for our then excellent Bishop, for whom he cherished the highest esteem to the day of his death. Such was also the impression produced at the same early age, on the mind of the late eminent Dr. Chalmers, "that it led to a friendship, which likewise terminated only with the life of that great and universally esteemed Philoso-