

cription should feel great horror at death, is not to be wondered at ; for their state of mind is little qualified for so awful a change, but the most upright and pious men in all ages have prayed to be delivered from sudden death, to have some hours of recollection, some moments of preparation before they are separated from those they love, and appear in the presence of that God who is of purer eyes than to see iniquity ; and this, not because they are more guilty than others, but because of their greater humility and deeper sense of the malignity of sin.

Were we, who likewise knew and esteemed Doctor Spark, to attempt to delineate his character, we should begin by pointing out modesty and diffidence, as the most prominent parts. He delighted in privacy and retirement, not that seclusion from society which separates us from its charities and duties, but that separation from the frivolities and bustle of useless affairs, which consume so much of our precious time. He loved to be master of a portion of his time, in order to commune with his own heart ; and to this he owed much of that composure and sedateness for which he was distinguished, and by which he was enabled to weigh things accurately, and to decide with judgment. Though reserved at first to strangers, he gradually opened on better acquaintance, and to those who were soliciting his assistance or advice, he was always benevolent and kind. To his friends, he was ever the same, frank, candid and sincere ; and not like many, all raptures to-day, and to-morrow distant, cold and repulsive.

The next prominent part of his character, was contentment. The situation of Doctor Spark removed some of the temptations to inconsistency of conduct, and growing dissatisfaction. In worldly matters, he had little to hope or to fear. Professional advancement was not to be looked for. Minister of a respectable society at Quebec, there was no congregation of the same denomination in either Province, able to afford him equal indulgence or emolument : having, therefore, no prospect of rising higher, he rested in quietness and content. It is the desire of bettering our situation, as it is called, or rising in the world, that produces most of the evils which afflict society, rivalry, envyings, contentions, &c. From all these, Doctor Spark was entirely free, and this easiness in his circumstances and certain continuance in the same station, enabled him