

there are which it is lawful to imitate ; some of them possessing powerful attractions, for the ingenuous mind. There are examples of tried integrity, examples of active diligence, examples of eminent learning or scientific acquirement. All these, under certain circumstances, it may be admissible to take, as the models of imitation. But, suffer me, as the Minister of Christ, to take my stand upon higher ground and say to you, that all the wealth which diligence ever accumulated, and all the learning which application ever acquired, and all the lustre, which talents or splendid achievements ever shed upon the brow of their most favoured votary, are but the small dust in the balance, when weighed against the faith and holiness, the peace and everlasting blessedness, of the humble follower of the Son of God. His is wisdom which never fails ; his are riches which never rust ; his are honours which never fade, while heaven remains and God is true. Suffer me to press with earnestness upon you, this vitally important truth, that whatever others may be or attain ; whatever eminence they may reach, in the world's estimation, *the faithful servant of Christ, whether found among the youthful or the aged, among the learned or the ignorant, among the affluent or the poor, is the most honorable and useful character in this world, the only exalted and happy one, in the world to come.* Such an example has been placed before you. Be it your part to follow it. You have seen that the young can be religious, yet consistent ; devoted to God, yet happy in themselves ; in short, that they can live for the glory of Christ, and honour him in their death, and then go to share his favour, in the immortal glories of Heaven. Oh, remember, there is the same heaven open for *you* ; there is the same Saviour to bring *you* to it, and the same precious promises to animate *you* on your way. Take then, your stand, my young friends, upon the side of God. Contend for this noble prize. Be "followers of