

the tyranny which mathematical and physical science too often exercises over the minds of students, and to qualify him for those still higher and better pursuits which have given him as distinguished a name in the intellectual and the Christian world, as his more professional labours have conferred upon him in the schools of science.

At nineteen years of age he published his first work, entitled "Lessons Astronomical and Philosophical, for the Amusement and Instruction of British Youth." The manuscript of this work was submitted by the young author to the Earl of Carysfort, whose seat was in the neighbourhood of his residence. From his revision Mr. Gregory derived some useful hints, and this little incident originated a cordial intimacy which continued until his lordship's death.

But one year afterwards, Mr. Gregory composed a treatise on the nature and the application of the sliding rule, the manuscript of which he offered to a London publisher. As the work of an unknown author, it was laid before the celebrated Dr. Hutton. This circumstance led to a correspondence between them which issued in an intimate and lasting friendship, and had a most important bearing upon Mr. Gregory's future prospects.

About this time Mr. Gregory became acquainted with some very distinguished students of the University of Cambridge (among whom was Mr. Copley, the present Lord Lyndhurst), by whom he was strongly urged to enter the university, with a view to the reception of what are called holy orders. "But," says an anonymous writer, who has recently written a sketch of Dr. Gregory's life in a London paper, "certain scruples which he entertained at that period induced him to abandon all idea of becoming a minister of the established church." The truth hidden under this somewhat mysterious statement is simply told. However others may prostitute their reason and their conscience for the attainment of wealth and rank, Dr. Gregory was through life far too great, far too honourable, and far too good a man, to perjure himself for the sake of either, by swearing to dogmas which were alike disapproved by his conscience and scorned by his reason.

Mr. Gregory took up his residence at Cambridge about the year 1798, and there engaged for a short time in the production of a provincial paper. This however he soon abandoned, and entered into business as a bookseller, connecting with it at the same time the duties of a mathematical teacher. It was at this time that he first made the acquaintance of the celebrated Robert Hall, of whom he was through life a most endeared and respected friend, and, after the decease of that extraordinary man, his biographer and the editor of his works.

The intercourse of two minds so powerful, and yet so differently constituted, was of great importance to both, especially as one of the early results of their intimacy was an arrangement to read together on alternate mornings; Mr. Gregory instructing his friend in mathematics, while Mr. Hall took up the subject of metaphysics and intellectual philosophy. The arrangement was suggested by Mr. Hall, "and to this proposal," says Dr. Gregory, "I gladly consented; and it has long been my persuasion, that the scheme flowed in a great measure from his desire to call my attention to general literature, and especially to the science of mind. Of what utility all this was to Mr. Hall I cannot precisely say; but I can testify that it was of permanent advantage to his mathematical preceptor, who had not previously formed the habit of tracing apparent results to their foundations: but who, from that period, pursued science with a new interest, kept his eye more steadily upon ultimate principles, and learned to value such researches quite as much for their intellectual discipline as for their practical benefit."

The mingled admiration and affection entertained by Dr. Gregory for his truly illustrious friend, constituted one of the most beautiful features in his character. His conversation was never more animated or more interesting than when the character of that distinguished man was the topic. After the death of Mr. Hall, Dr. Gregory edited his works for the benefit of his family. This service he performed with great assiduity and success. And while delicacy forbids the writer to say more, his lasting affection for the memory of Dr. Gregory will