

and no great work was originated in them, during that period, in which he did not take a prominent part. One of the first men of business in London, he was for forty-five years a director, and for three years in succession, an unexampled honour, governor of the Bank of England. His gifts to the Church's work were princely; and the secret of his ability to do so much was, that from the earliest time when he entered into business, he devoted a tenth of his profits to holy and charitable purposes. This fund rapidly accumulated in the days of his commercial prosperity, far beyond the calls upon it; and from it he was enabled to pour forth contributions to every good and great work with a largeness and freedom which led many to regard him as a far richer man than he ever was. But he gave to the Church's work what was better than money,—time, and thought and his best energies. His business habits made him an invaluable treasurer, and in that character he re-organised the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, enabling it to meet the great and rapid development of its book-selling department without any drain on the funds always given to higher objects. At the monthly meetings of this and other Societies, his mild wisdom and plain common sense often brought back a somewhat tumultuous assemblage to the proper subject before it, and this at a time when such meetings were in danger of degenerating into unruly theological debating Societies. In connection with the S. P. G., he was a most zealous supporter of the Colonial Bishops' Fund; while Church-building was above all other works his specialty. When the late Bishop of London conceived the idea, by many deemed chimerical, of at once building fifty new churches in London, in no one did he find a more zealous and active coadjutor, as well as liberal contributor, than in William Cotton. In all his plans for the improvement of his Diocese that great and good prelate found in him a wise adviser and an untiring fellow-labourer. Besides these religious works, he was ever actively and prominently engaged in the various projects for the improvement of the physical condition of the working classes. The various hospitals of London owe very much to his zealous care. He was one of the founders, and a member of the original council of King's College, London; took a leading interest in the improvements of Christ's Hospital; was, with a friend, the originator of the plan for public baths and work-houses, and concerned in the establishment of the first model lodging-houses. Indeed no scheme, having the improvement of the people for its object, ever failed in eliciting his warm sympathy and assistance. His whole life, in its beautiful consistency, was what the life of a Churchman ought to be, gentle and pure, loving and amiable, without noise or ostentation, or self-assertion, while "full of mercy and good fruits." His end was peace. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; *for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.*"

In the terrible accident at the Oaks Colliery on 13th December, died one who was equally in his life a true representative, a true and faithful son of the English Church, Mr. Parkin Jeffcock. Like Mr. Cotton, he was a true man of business as well as a true Christian. While a leading mining engineer, with immense