

to salvation; impressing as he did in his different charges on the attention of his clergy—the duty of preaching redemption—the doctrine of the atonement—the satisfaction made for sinners by the blood of Christ—the corruption of human nature—the insufficiency of man, unassisted by divine grace—the efficacy of the prayer of faith, and the purifying, directing, sustaining, and sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit. Now that he hath departed, let us have those things in remembrance.

Living at so great a distance, I have not sufficient materials to venture upon any biographical sketch of his life and character; and if I had the necessary information, there are near and dear relatives, much better qualified to do justice to the subject. I shall, therefore, detain you only for a few moments in making two or three remarks:—

As a preacher of the Gospel, our late venerable Bishop must have been heard, to form an adequate conception of his superior excellence and commanding eloquence. The dignity of his appearance—the chaste propriety of his action—the clearness of his voice, and rich melodies of his tones—the earnestness of his manner added to the sublimity of the truths which he delivered in the most pure and perspicuous language, were never to be forgotten, and never failed to make a deep impression on his audience. In England, he was considered one of the most impressive and eloquent preachers that the Church could boast, and was earnestly solicited, when last in London, by the managers of charitable institutions, notwithstanding his advanced age, to preach their anniversary sermons. With the requests of some he complied, and has published a discourse, delivered before the Society for recovering drowned persons, which may be justly pronounced one of the most beautiful and interesting sermons in the English language.

In his social and domestic intercourse, the Bishop's manners were particularly pleasing, uniting with great affability and cheerfulness of disposition, those qualities