

Let us then, as Christians, stand upon the summit of a lofty faith; and although below us there may be storms and clouds of thick darkness, above us is the pure azure, and the glory of eternal sunshine. May we not, therefore, rejoice "that those light afflictions which are but for a moment are working out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory?"

So may we feel in relation to your deeply lamented Minister, who rests in a distant grave. A mysterious Providence has suddenly and unexpectedly removed him from you, and we are here for the purpose of improving this melancholy event, and at the same time expressing the full-hearted sympathy which we feel for you in your present bereavement.

It is expected on the present occasion that I should make some remarks in reference to the character and labours of our departed Brother.

In looking over his papers, we find but little that refers to himself. The following memorandum, written by his own pen, is taken from his family Bible:—

E. D. VERY, born in Salem, Dec. 30, 1815.

Entered Waterville College, Sept. 1, 1834.

Graduated at Dartmouth, July 27, 1837.

Entered Bangor Theological Seminary, Oct. 12, 1837.

Ordained at East Machias, Sept. 10, 1838.

Settled at Calais, Dec. 1, 1838.

Married at East Machias, Sept. 2, 1839.

Commenced preaching in Watertown, the second Sabbath in Sept., 1843.

Commenced preaching in Belfast, last Sabbath in Feb., 1845.

Commenced preaching in Portland, N. B., last Sabbath in Dec., 1846.

From this memorandum it appears that our Brother was engaged in the Ministry about fourteen years. Upwards of eight years of this time was spent with different Churches in the New-England States, and the last six with the Church worshipping here. From other sources we have learned that his talents and labours were highly appreciated in his own country; but knowing something of the state of things in the British Provinces, he was deeply impressed with the idea that a great work was to be done here, and he felt a peculiar desire to embark in it. Hence, when this Church presented him with a call to become its Pastor, he unhesitatingly accepted it. Results have demonstrated that his impressions and desires were of God. He not only exerted himself with untiring assiduity for the