

But we must not omit to notice, also, *the strict conscientiousness* by which our departed sister was distinguished. She was in the habit of referring every thing to the heavenly standard. She was deeply imbued with the word of God : acknowledging it to be designed for the guidance and recovery of the lost, she testified the sincerity of her convictions by habitually seeking its instruction. No one could be long in her presence without feeling the truth of these remarks—the spirit of the sacred volume breathed in her whole deportment.

But there is no part of her whole exemplary character on which one might not dwell with satisfaction, and with a conviction that those who knew her would amply bear us out in our remarks : I must close however, with noticing one other striking feature of our friend's character. Amidst the many christian graces that adorned her, none perhaps were so prominent as *her habitual steadiness and consistency*. This habit of her mind indicated beyond a doubt, that she felt the truth presented in our text—she realized the importance—nay, the preciousness of death. This prominent habit of mind preserved her from being driven about with every wind of doctrine, and it proved a sort of ballast in the soul, which supported her in various trying changes, through which she was called to pass. In prosperity or adversity, the deportment of our departed sister was invariably the same : at all times she appeared as one relying on that hope which is as “an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.”

But having thus engaged your attention in a brief notice of the life of our beloved sister, I must not omit to say a few words on her peaceful happy death—a death that so beautifully and in so striking a manner illustrated the text and our previous remarks upon it. There are, however, a few circumstances that preceded it, at which I may be permitted rapidly to glance, as marking the goodness of God in mingling mercy in her cup of sorrow.

The members of this church, and especially those who were more particularly united to our departed friend, could not but