

Though he might not hold a station in the primary rank of Missionary Labourers; yet, he occupied a distinguished post in the Second. If hereafter he should not be classed with BARNES and ELLIOTT, he will justly be associated with Stars of lesser magnitude, which shall shine for ever and ever.

In describing his character I have not clothed nature in the garments of fiction, nor exaggerated facts. Fable in a case so serious, would be unpardonable; because it must proportionably detract from its merits and virtue.

It has been my object to state facts, and to exhibit the character in the mass. I have not separated vice from virtue; nor in attempting to delineate a man, drawn an angel. Neither have I turned from you his blemishes to detail his virtues; nor have I exhibited his character, as free from the frailties and foibles common to mankind.

I do not record it for its brilliancy, but for its utility—not for its eccentricity, but for its adaptation to instruct. His life was long and useful, and “by it he being dead yet speaketh.” Yes, he died in peace, and now rests in hope, that through the merits of his Redeemer, he shall rise with confidence amid the splendours of the last day.