

al and profitable intercourse. They enjoyed each others company with unabating pleasure; and whether in discussing the news of the day, or the affairs of the church, or the more sacred things of domestic religion, there was an earnestness and energy which preserved life among them, and rendered their intercourse profitable and delightful: and there was a charm which pervaded all that was said and done, of which he himself seemed to be the source and the centre. In religious conversation he was grave, yet animated,—always instructive, and ever mindful of the dignity, sobriety, and seriousness, which should characterize such intercourse. But on ordinary occasions when the conversation was of a general character, it was astonishing with what dexterity he could give a zest to it, and with what promptitude and power he could throw in his sprightly and instructive humor, so as to impart a charm to the thought or argument which was adduced by himself or others. His powers of conversation were altogether of a superior order. He could unbend to the very utmost; but he never lost his dignity, or uttered any sentiment which he or others had occasion to regret. He delighted to impart pleasure to his family, and to all who had the happiness of his friendship. His acquaintance was courted: his very presence commanded respect; and yet all could feel perfect ease in his company.

From his boyhood onward to manhood and age, he exhibited the manners of a perfect gentleman. He would have been an ornament to any church, and he was, especially, with many others, with whom he delighted to associate, both a pillar and an ornament in his own. On one occasion, in the choice of a new professor he was nominated, but had only five votes. A minister of the Established Church, who was an intimate friend and admirer of Dr. Heugh remarked to a minister of the United Secession,—What a superior class of ministers must your church embrace, when a man like Dr. Heugh was not chosen to be a Professor, and had only five votes!

It may easily be conceived that Dr. Heugh was a universal favorite: for such was his philanthropy that he sought the good of all men; and such was his entire freedom from party spirit, and his unfettered christian charity, that he cultivated acquaintance and friendship with evangelical ministers of every name.

After the induction of his colleague, Dr. Heugh became more and more enfeebled till he was unable to take any part in public service. "From the middle of May," says the biographer, "he was almost constantly confined to bed. His whole exercise, however, was grateful, peaceful, and happy. His mind seemed to be receiving by anticipation the first dawns of that purer light, to the midst of which he was advancing. His chamber was a scene of privilege, where the beautiful words of Bengal were verified:—'The gates of heaven can scarcely be opened to admit a new pilgrim, without letting forth some celestial breezes to cheer and refresh those that remain behind.' The last days of his life indeed were passed amidst the feebleness and oppression of general dropsy, rapidly mastering his strength. Yet they were in the highest sense days of peace."

The biographer presents a record of Dr. Heugh's deathbed exercise, during the last two weeks of his life, taken in notes by one of his family, which shows the comfortable state of his mind. We can only transcribe a small portion of it, to give some idea of his composure under severe suffering, and of the exalted frame in which he was when in near anticipation of going the way of all the earth.

"May 26th, 1546. To-day he said to me by getting unbelief subdued, and taking fast hold of Christ by faith,—just trusting,—the mind is quite supported, and death hath no terrors. I am now very weak, you see, but the everlasting arms support me.

"May 31st. I went into his room, and found him very calm, and refreshed, after a good night's rest. He was delighted with the beauty of the morning,