

SECTION 4. *His usefulness.*

Man life must be attested by its usefulness; the criterion by which mankind in general judge; there would be less self-esteem, and

What is life? To spend our powers in idleness and make every event subservient to the idle. To live for God, and employ our time in the service of religion, and the best interests of men, is most probably what we had done, when we departed to another world.

Human characters have their imperfections, without them. The most virtuous have faults, and blemishes are inseparable from the nature of religion to correct the power in the exuberance of human folly. It is what it never eradicates, and checks the evil that it cannot extinguish.

He has been distinguished by nobler talents, and greater celebrity, have been less successful in the cause of piety than Mr. Jones. His labours are attested by a great degree of usefulness.

He was delivered with animation and fervor, at the heart, where the parade of Learning, and eloquence were vain.*

that Learning and Eloquence are useless, and are acquisitions not essentially necessary to the Gospel. No man more respects Literature than myself; and it is with me as with a long Catalogue of great names, which are of no use to revealed religion. There have been many around the Cross, which Sophists have as-

There is not a few who can testify to the energy which attended his impartial administration of the word of life. Many through his Ministry were "turned from the error of their ways," while others were consoled and encouraged under their trials and distresses. By his example and reproof he opposed the progress of vice; and by his plain but fervent instructions, he developed the corruptions of Christianity, and the dark malignity of error.

A life worn out in the cares and pursuits of the world, is a life of insipid vacancy. Man was not born to spend his time like the insect fluttering in the wind without any regard to a world to come. Mr. Jones knew this. In his opinion time was precious, because it was the only opportunity with which the soul was furnished to prepare for eternity.

But the good he did has not ended with his death. Like the undulating ocean one circle follows another in endless succession. He will be regarded by posterity as the spiritual benefactor of this island to the remotest age.

SECTION 5. *His diligence,*

In contemplating the life of the Revd. JOHN JONES, we cannot help feeling ourselves peculiarly impressed with the energy and promptitude with which he acted in the discharge of his duty. His was not a common concern, and he knew it. When we reflect upon the fugitive existence of man, and analyse the great work he has to do, there is every stimulus to exertion. Yet, there are thousands in the world, who act as if life had no end; and as if its duties bore no reference to a future world.

Diligence in any pursuit but that of evil is laudable, and worthy of emulation. In a character like him it has a double effect, an influence upon himself, and a greater upon the world. Men in stations like that which he occupied are surrounded by a perfidious world, that allures to evil, and then magnifies the failure it has occasioned into a flagrant enormity.