

the glorious work for which he was so eminently fitted from his high talents, his clear and scriptural views, and his ardent love for souls. This public calamity may be considered in various ways. Perhaps we depended too much on the stream, and neglected the fountain from whence it flowed. Man in his highest and loftiest station is but his Maker's instrument to act by his guidance, to perform what He wills; and when he has finished the work allotted to him, he is called away, and another takes his place. Again, a blessing may be ours, yet not sufficiently valued. The faithful servant of a righteous God continues for a long time to strive with a rebellious people: he exhorts, he warns, he beseeches, in vain: the sinner remains ~~an~~ an impenitent sinner still: the same pursuits, the same pleasures, engross him. It is true, he observes the outward forms of worship, but his heart is far from God: this he has given to the world; and the messenger of peace and mercy is suddenly recalled, and he is left to lament him in vain, and cry: "My Father, my Father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!!"

Our dear Minister felt most keenly the little good that appeared to follow his constant and unwearied