

Here lies

Sir Isaac Newton, Knight,

Who, by a vigour of mind almost supernatural,

First demonstrated

The Motions and Figures of the Planets,

The Paths of the Comets, and the Tides of the Ocean.

He diligently investigated

The different refrangibilities of the Rays of Light,

And the properties of the Colours to which they give rise.

An Assiduous, Sagacious, and Faithful Interpreter

of Nature, Antiquity and the Holy Scriptures,

He asserted in his Philosophy the Majesty of God,

And exhibited in his Conduct the simplicity of the Gospel.

Let Mortals rejoice

That there has existed such and so great

AN ORNAMENT OF THE HUMAN RACE.

Born 25th December, 1642, Died 20th March, 1727.

The tribute of Pope, the poet, was eloquent ; he wished for some memoirs and character of Newton as a private man, " for no doubt his life and manners would make as great a discovery of virtue and goodness and rectitude of heart, as his works have done of penetration, and the utmost stretch of human knowledge."

And so passed Isaac Newton, appointed by God on the 25th day of December, 1642, to solve the problem of the relation between material worlds ; and on that 20th day of March, 1727, he solved, as all will solve, the greater problem of the relation between the material and spiritual worlds, which indeed is far beyond all human calculus.