

should not despair, nor let go our confidence in the promises of God, for deliverance if sought for, will surely come to our country and consolation.

Our dear friend was a diligent attendant of all our meetings, and a devout worshipper when there.

No consideration of worldly moment was allowed to bring him from this important duty, or prevent him from making way for his family also.

He was thoroughly concerned to watch over the little flock, of which he had been made overseer as our churches gave account encouraging the faithful or disciplining and admonishing the careless or delinquent, as the case seemed to call for.

He was deeply impressed with the sacred and dignified character of our high holy profession as disciples of a crucified and risen Saviour, and of the necessity of practical holiness in the fear of the Lord.

Occasionally in our meetings in the latter days of his life, he would, with much feeling give vocal utterance to a sentiment or text of Scripture, endeavoring to impress the necessity of saving faith, of watchfulness unto prayer, and of the solemnity of the occasion, when Christians professing worship God in spirit and in truth.

His zeal for the advancement of vital practical religion among men, and in the upholding of sound Scriptural doctrine was earnest, and to this end he labored by word and writing with those with whom he held social and religious intercourse.

Although largely abundant in Christian love and charity towards all, yet he did not fail to warn those in whom he discovered ungodly workings of a spirit of unbelief of the fearful danger of making shipwreck of faith, and thereby endangering the salvation of their immortal souls. Numerous extracts from his epistolary essays might be given showing his deep concern and plainness of dealing with such, in endeavoring to persuade them of the true Christian doctrine of salvation by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ the Son and King of the Father the Saviour and Redeemer of the World.

He was deeply interested during its continuance with the sin of Slavery, and mingling much in business and social intercourse with slaveholders, opportunities were afforded him for pleading the cause of the bondmen

which he did not fail to improve. But whilst he sympathized with the slave, he also cherished feelings of love and commiseration towards his master, and we have cause to believe his labors were well received; and that he enjoyed in a remarkable degree the esteem and confidence of those among whom he labored. For many years before his death he obtained voting for an abolition of Slavery for any office of public trust, as a matter of religious principle.

He was also an earnest advocate for the principles of peace, and labored to promote it on Scriptural grounds, and considerations of sound national policy.

Living on an exposed part of the battle field during the late civil war, in our land, the officers and soldiers of the contending armies were much at his house, and he entertained these occasions to converse with them on the impolicy of all wars, and of their inconsistency with Christianity, and the enlightened civilization of the age.

He patiently suffered the unpopularity of his goods, to which he, with others in common, was subjected, for the support of the armies, but with innocent boldness, denounced the system, in the presence of armed bands, and was wonderfully sustained and supported on these trying occasions.

Our dear friend was also much concerned to see love and unity uniformly cultivated in our religious organization, and did not fail to raise his voice in warning and remonstrance against all, who tended to weaken or destroy our bond of union.

He was indeed a man, fearing God and hating evil, zealous of the Law and Testimony, and daily endeavoring to walk honestly in the sight of all men, thus endeavoring to show in life and conversation the practical fruits of holiness. But it is not our design to eulogize the character of our departed friend, but to magnify the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which rendered him a bright example of faithfulness, and dedication in his day, and enabled him to adorn the Christian principles he upheld.

He retained his faculties unimpaired to the last, and his faith and trust in his Saviour firm to the end.

His death occurred on the 2d of 3 Nov. 1870, in the 92. year of his age, after a short illness. And having faithfully served his soul and generation, according to the will of God, he peacefully passed away, under a full assurance of acceptance in his beloved, and of an inheritance among them that are sanctified, in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Signed by invitation on behalf of Hefworth. Respectfully