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Through all my life, my gracious God, I've known thy tender care; Assist me, with a grateful heart, Thy goodness to declare.

For threescore years and ten, now gone, Thy mercy I adore; O help me, as my sun goes down, To praise thee more and more.

Infirmity now binds me fast, But goodness tends me still; Lord, help me, till my life is past, To bow to all thy will.

I see the path to thine abode, Thy grace hath made it mine; To Christ, to wash me in his blood, My spirit I resign.

Here, here is rock that must abide, My Saviour's word is given, (And this can never be denied) To bring his sheep to heaven.

All my iniquities forgive, Their memory efface; And to thy bliss my soul receive, A monument of grace!

MANSON.

## THE LATE DR. WARDLAW.

All that is mortal of Dr. Wardlaw now rests in the Necropolis, between Knox's monument Oh, it was a beautiful spectacle to see the comand the monument of Mr. M'Gavin of the bination in him of the majesty and meekness, Protestant, and near by lie the remains of his the purity and gentleness, of the Christian friends, Drs. Dick and Heugh. His grave is deportment! His was not the wisdom which hewn out of a rock, and will be held in ho- is earthly, sensual, and devilish, for where nour by many of the present and coming ge envy and strife are, there are confusion and nerations. After the coffin was lowered to its every evil work. But his was the wisdom last resting place, (which was seemingly about that cometh from above, and which is "first seven feet square, and built around with brick pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be and partly covered,) the procession marched entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, withpast it, every one looking in, and many weep- out partiality and without hypocrisy." I aping, as they passed on. Many lingered near peal to those who knew him so long and so a view of the grave.

THE FUNERAL SERMONS.

Dr. John Brown, of Edinburgh, occupied the pulpit in the morning; in the afternoon, the Rev. Dr. Alexander, of Edinburgh; and the Rev. Norman M'Leod, of the Barony, in the evening. Admission was ticket only.

The funeral sermons will, in all probability be published, when the several speakers—all of whom are men of the first competency, will deliver their views of the character and labours of their departed friend in a manner which will embalm his memory and do honor to themselves. In the meantime, however, we cannot omit the opportunity of enriching our account by the beautiful tribute presented by Dr. Macfarlane. That excellent minister who belongs to the Presbyterian Church, stood engaged to preach to Dr. Wardlaw's people on the afternoon of the Lord's-day, and, at the with the following tribute, worthy alike with taken at great disadvantage, masmuch as Dr. Wardlaw's death was only announced on the previous forenoon, so that he had but a few hours to prepare himself for the melancholy occasion. But, in such cases, men of true hearts and generous natures require but little preparation, and sometimes the less they have the better. Although the event was new, the subject was old, and the speaker was thoroughly conversant with the character of his departed friend.

DR. MACFARLANE'S TRIBUTE.

To attempt aught like a sketch of Dr. Ward-ever mine. law's character would be altogether presump-

among the princes of Israel.

strict truthfulness, be affirmed of Dr. Wardlaw. But this is saying the least of it,-I perior has passed before into Heaven; and that superiority I am disposed to claim for character.

In him the Christian had a noble representative. That he had his infirmities, none were readier than himself to admit, and with all sincerity of contrition; and he confessed these before the Father. Notwithstanding, I think these infirmities, whatever they might be, were only apparent to the Searcher of Hearts himself,—a more faultless character in the eyes of the world I have not known. If I were asked to specify what his failings were, I candidly own I could not do it. I do not know what they were—so blamelessly and guielessly did he go out and in before men Christian man. There was in his whole character a wonderful combination of the pecu- in defence of the very vitals of our faith. liarities of the two apostles. Paul and John-

tuous on my part, as the properly-qualified finished portrait. Taking his position, even interest had a place there, and every human But to conclude, my beloved friends, I must

in due time. I cannot, however, leave this selected the pebbles which were afterwards for every tear, and he had a smile for every pulpit without paying a tribute, however hum-slung at the head of Error. He has at length joy. He had a curse there for every foe to ble, though hastily prepared, and almost on no doubt, fallen on the field, but it is that he human happiness and holiness, and he had a the dawn of this Sabbath, to the memory of a may rise again; whereas he has, in his time, blessing there for every friend of man as a ciman, whom, from my earliest recollections, I laid prostrate many a foe to the truth of God, tizen of the world or a traveller to eternity. was taught to love and admire, and who, amid whose resurrection-morn shall never dawn. He might not be Howard militant, but he was the family circle wherein I was nurtured, was As an expounder of doctrine, he was textual, Howard eloquent, and compassionate, and ever regarded as one of the most beloved of logical, and masterly. As a Critic, he was practical. friends, and one of the most accomplished profound, acute, and candid. As a Philosopher, he was Christian, and yet scholarly; great city name another citizen equally illus-All the common-place eulogies, so thought-simple yet comprehensive. He seemed to be trious. His name has made Glasgow known lessly often heaped upon others, may, with equally at home in synthesis and analysis, wherever the English language is spoken which is a rather a rare combination of excel- wherever God's truth is loved—wherever men lences. As a controversialist, he was fearless are called Christians. She has had many question if, in modern times at least, his su- though kindly, truthful though courteous, and sons who have done her honour, but this one uncompromising though reasonable. In the is the most honourable to her of them all; and arena his weapon was always known by the when men shall cease to speak of the achievehim in every view which may be taken of his gleam of its polish, always felt by the keen-ments of learning and of the explorations of rois by the perfect success of its fence. His commerce, they will be still sitting at the feet arena was always a select one, always a Scrip- of Wardlaw, learning the way to Heaven, by tural one. It mattered not what he advoca- the cross of Calvary. He may not have beted-it was advocated on Bible ground, and queathed to his native place thousands of gold with a truly Bible spirit. If he interceded for and thousands of silver, like some of our the great citadel itself of Christian truth, he princely Christian merchants; but he has left took all his arguments from the word of God. her something far better—he has left a name With that he slew the Socinian-with that he and a character of the highest repute for inslew the demon of slavery-with that he bat-tellectual and religious greatness, and literary tered down the high places of civil and eccle-crntributions which shall never be exhausted. siastical despotism—and with that he built up though millions yet unborn draw upon them the cause of God and righteousness. In per- for their spiritual guidance and safety. Such fect self-possession, in thorough and honest a man is independent of the monument of scrutiny of the subject, in bland and gentle- granite—he has reared his own monument manly treatment of his opponent, and in con- with his own hands-though, if such were siderate and liberal handling of "the other thought creditable to the city, I know of none side," Dr. Wardlaw, as a controversialist, has who have merited such a public testimonial not had his equal, certainly not his superior more than our departed father. He was the

among the first, not only as regards his volum. present and lasting good of his fellow-citizens inous writings, but as regards their calibre, and his fellow men. their fame, and their usefulness. There are In the more private walks of life he was infew, indeed, of the Christian doctrines which deed a most lovely character, and in all his he has not beautifully elucidated, and few of relationships acted throughout as one, having the grave for a considerable time, and a great well, if his life was not a marvellously suc- the Christian precepts which he has not clear- first of all loved Jesus Christ, allowed the overnumber of ladies had gone to the Necropolis, cessful effort to exemplify the apostolic injunc- ly and forcibly explained. His works remain flowing thereof to fall upon, anoint, and bless and taken up their positions so as to command tion, "Whatsoever things are true, whatso- among the most valuable treasuries of the all within the circle of its approach. But ever things are honest, whatsoever things are church of God. One of his earliest efforts is upon these and many other traits of character ust, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever one of his best.—his work on the Socialian I cannot, I ought not to enter things are lovely, whatsoever things are of Controversy; and his last work is not second

greatness and goodness, power and gentle- fectionate, and earnest. His aim was to win land! True; but neither any more shall his ness, fervour and modesty, zeal and love, souls to Christ, and ye are his witnesses how noble nature sustain the rude shocks of this courage and caution, forwardness and pru-eloquently and pathetically, and even unto world's cruelty, nor his warm heart be crushdence, brilliant action, and holy meditation, weeping, he pled with sinners to turn from ed beneath the foot of ingratitude, nor the in-Catholicity was alike an element in the two their evil ways unto God. His discourses, nermost sanctuary of his divine life be atdisciples-they were not sectaries. Though published and unpublished, have made his tacked by those evil powers and principalities decided in their convictions, and ready to pulpit better known in this country, I may say who go about seeking to devour the strong speak them out, and act them out, before the in Europe and America, than that of any liv- and the valient in Zion. No, no! our father close of the service, he disburdened his heart church and the world, they contracted no un- ing preacher. Many have envied you the pri- is safe and glorified now. On his entrance lovely spites against others, and eschewed the vilege of having such a pastor to break among into Heaven, he would receive the welcome him that gave and of him that received it. dirty smoky cabins of sectarianism and bigolit is to be noticed, that Dr. Mactarlane was try. So did Dr. Wardlaw. He was the eming was all his own. Of knowledge it has bodiment of the principle of the Evangelical been said, that it is sometimes one's own off- him there; there the searcher of hearts would Alliance. It was little to him what might be spring, and sometimes it is adopted. There enfold him in his arms, and crown him as one the "ism" of any man, provided he was a was nothing adopted in the manner or matter of the martyrs and confessors; and there he lover of Jesus and of his truth. Hence, he of Dr. Wardlaw's preaching. Originality has now taken his seat beside the Redeemer lived in peace with us. Oh, we all loved was evident, in the smooth, deep, clear, stea- whom he so long and so brillianally served; him, of every denomination! You, my friends, dy current of his thoughts, in the calm but and there he is already further advanced in have many in all Christian circles, who weep sublime cast of his oratory, and in the tact, the science of salvation by grace than he ever with you this day because our friend sleepeth, as well as genius, of his address. Like Hall could have reached, though he had lived as he I never expect on earth to be honoured and of Bristol, or Chalmers among ourselves, he lived here for generations to come. Surely, blessed with such Christian friendship as was stands out in the pulpit as alone in the posses- if ever man of woman born found in Heaven Dr. Wardlaw's. Over the memory of it I sion of those excellences for which his name what was congenial to a new nature, Dr.

In him the Christian advocate was truly a was large, and it was warm. Every human ward of eternal life!

THE AGED PILGRIM LOOKING UPWARD. person for this duty will no doubt perform it in young life, by the banks of Zion, he wisely being had an advocate there. He had a tear

And what was he in the world? Let our ness of its edge, and often pronounced victo- science, and of the marches and triumphs of friend of the poor-the patron of every cha-As a Christian author, he stands foremost rity—an associate of every institute for the

And now, all is over! he is gone; on that good report; if there be any virtue, and if to it, -on Miracles, wherein, with a giant's venerable countenance we shall not look again there be any praise, think on these things." force, though wielded with the simplicity and —that sweet, persuasive tongue we shall ne-Yes—these were the things which he careful- gentleness of a little child, he demolishes the ver hear again—that warm grasp of friendship ly selected for thought—for deep, holy, and modern structures of infidelity. It is singue which made our inmost hearts thrill with joy, prayerful thought, and hence the living ex- lar that God should have honoured him to be- I was going to say with pride, we shall feel pression of them in his whole demeanour as a gin and close his authorship, with rearing be- no more; no more shall we have him as a fore the citadel of Zion two such fortifications leader and commander-no more shall his light revolve in our little orbit, nor the music As a Christian minister, he was faithful, af- of his harmonious affections be heard in the could sit and both weep and sing-weep, that will be handed down to future generations. Wardlaw is that man! Let us not mourn. it is gone, and sing for gratitude that it was In him Christian philanthropy had one of then, for him. He has nobly fought the fight. its most impressive illustrations. His heart let us rejoice in his graciously bestowed re-