

treatises which are very admirable in themselves, but which do not seem to have any special right to the places which they occupy. They look somewhat as if he had had them by him, and thought them too good to be lost. In this we quite agree, but would rather have had them as separate treatises or fragments.

But despite slight blemishes, the writings of Swinnock are of a very high order. His principal work, "The Christian Man's Calling," is one of the fullest, and, we venture to think, one of the best exhibitions of the gospel in its application to the ordinary affairs of life. There are few better works of practical religion in our language. We commend the whole works to the prayerful and frequent perusal of Christian readers, and them to the grace and blessing of our God.

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As about a third part of vol. iv. is by Mr Hall, we subjoin the account of him given in the "Nonconformist's Memorial":—

"Norton, Kings [C. or D.] Thomas Hall, B.D. Of Oxford, under Dr Lushington. Born at Worcester. He here succeeded his brother Mr John Hall, when he removed to Bromsgrove, and applied himself in earnest to do good to souls. His salary being small, he kept the free-school, and continued single. As God owned his labours in the place, he would not be persuaded to leave it, though solicited with a promise of far greater preferment. During the civil war he was often accused, cursed, threatened with death, plundered, and five times imprisoned. He constantly preached twice on the Lord's-day, and held lectures abroad, besides his exposition, catechising, private admonition, &c. He was a very hard student, and considerable scholar, a well-furnished divine, a man of a public spirit, and intent upon spreading knowledge. He gave many valuable books to the library at Birmingham, and persuaded his brethren to do the same. He prevailed with the parish to build a public library, and gave to it the books in his own study in his life-time. He was of a free and liberal heart; and when his property was gone, he lived by faith. In his last illness his stock was reduced to sixpence; but he was easy, and said it was enough: and so it proved, with providential additions; for before it was

gone, several sealed papers of money were sent him by unknown friends. He was of a holy and unblameable life; very humble and easy of access to the meanest inhabitant of his parish, whom he was as ready to serve, if in his power, as the greatest. He was a great lover of peace, but would in no case part with purity to purchase it. He was a plain, but fervent and useful preacher; who taught by his life, as well as by his doctrine. He was a man of a very lovely and active spirit, never cast down with difficulties, and notwithstanding all he met with, was to the last as ready for his duty, when opportunity offered, as ever. When he was near his end, he thus expressed himself: 'I am now going where I shall have rest from sin and Satan, from all fear, weariness, and watching; and from all the evils and errors of a wicked world; even so come, Lord Jesus, for I long for Thy coming.' And when the pangs of death were upon him, he said, 'All the joys of this life are nothing, nothing to the joys I have in Jesus Christ.' He died April 13, 1665. His life was written by Mr R. Moore. Wood gives an account of Mr Hall, which on the whole is favourable, and quotes from Moore's 'Pearl in an Oyster-shell,' the following passage:— 'He was a person of great integrity and single-heartedness in his ministry; of a fine and liberal heart; just, and one that lived much by faith; of a holy and unblameable life; of a humble deportment; a great lover of peace; a plain and profitable preacher,' &c. He was buried in the churchyard of King's-Norton.

"Works: *Apologia pro Ministerio Evang: Francof.*—The Pulpit guarded—the Font guarded—the Schools guarded; a Defence of H. L.—The Beauty of Holiness—A Treatise against long Hair, Painting, &c.—Wisdom's Conquest; a Translation of the 13th Book of Ovid's *Metam.*—Phæton's Folly; a Translat. of the 2d Book of ditto.—*Hometius Enervatus*: or a Treatise against the Millenaries.—*Sal Terræ*: or a Guard to Ministers, and their Maintenance. An Exposition by Way of Supp. on Amos, chap. iv.—ix. *Samaria's Downfall*: a Comment on Hosea xiii. 12, 16.—The Beauty of Magistracy: an Expos. of Psalm lxxxii.—A practical and polemical Comment on 2 Tim. iii. & iv. A Treatise against May Poles. A Scrip. Disc. of the Apostacy of Antichrist. Wood mentions some others, of no great importance."