

IN MEMORIAM.



THE late MRS. M. B. ROBLIN, of Belleville, was a charming type of a true Christian lady. Nature had been by no means illiberal here in conferring her favors; on the contrary, she had generously endowed Mrs. Roblin with superior intellectual gifts, and, with an equally beneficent hand, had as munificently bestowed graces to adorn, as she had affluently bestowed mental wealth to enrich. A superior mind, highly cultivated, was sanctified by the Spirit; a divine Christianity shed its lustre upon rare gifts and graces, exalting the elevated and beautifying the lovely.

Mental and moral opulence is not hereditary, yet it is at least fortunate for a child to have had parents of high intellectual and moral worth. Such was the case with Mrs. Roblin. Her father, the late Dr. Austin, of Picton, was a gentleman of fine attainments. His professional studies were successfully pursued in the City of New York, where he enjoyed the advantage of attending the celebrated Dr. Mott's lectures, together with those of other distinguished medical professors. Dr. Austin was a gentleman of scholarly accomplishments, who won and retained a high position as a medical man. Commencing his medical practice in early life, in the County of Prince Edward, he continued to practice there, till, in riper age, he ceased to work and live. He lived and died as a Christian lives and dies. His memory is still precious within the bounds of Prince Edward—the scene of *his* benevolent and successful professional toil. Like the distinguished Dr. J. Mason Good, he loved and revered the word of God; and few, even of the clerical profession, were more thoroughly acquainted with the Book of books than he. The mother of Mrs. Roblin was one of an old and prominent family in the early settlement of Canada, as appears from Canniff's *History*. One of her family, viz., Major Rogers, raised and equipped a corps at his own expense for the service of the British in America; while, though prior to this, another, bearing the same name and holding the same rank, being delegated by the British government, took possession of Upper Canada in behalf of the crown. The late James Rogers of Haldimand, the grandfather of Mrs. R., held large and valuable estates in Vermont, which he voluntarily abandoned when the colonies revolted. He and his family came to the wilderness of Canada, relinquishing his property, thus giving such an evidence of genuine loyalty to the British flag as contrasts grandly with the bread-and-butter loyalty of a later period in the history of our country. Mrs. Austin, though not brought up a Methodist, was early converted to God and united with that church. She, with her husband, Dr. A., continued in connection with the Methodist church till called to join the church above.

At the age of seventeen, Miss Austin, the eldest daughter of the Dr.'s family, gave her heart to God, and with an unwavering fidelity followed her Saviour for two-and-thirty years, when the cross was exchanged for the crown. She united with the church for life, and her purpose was maintained till life