

what would have been the wishes of Albin Benedict in its disposal. They felt that he would have been desirous of benefiting his descendants in every branch of the family and also of advancing the interests of those who lived in the neighborhood of the Bluff as well as in the surrounding country.

Mr. Mortimer who was now in the full sympathy and upon the most cordial terms with his daughter-in-law, entered heartily into all these schemes, and grew young again in his new enthusiasm. He was devoted to Julian, who, in his turn, received his grandfather with the greatest affection and treated him with a deference and consideration beautiful to see. He anticipated his wants, listened with interest and appreciation to all his sayings, knew where to find his favorite books and when to leave him to his undisturbed enjoyment. Julian, indeed, as the years went on, remained to the end bright, cheerful, happy, and interested in all about him, and by his universal love and sympathy, his unselfishness, his pious and regular habits, his religious convictions, his example was as a beacon to all the country around, and had its effect even on the world-hungry character