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joy and grief, hope and disappointment, with other contraries, have fallen to our lot;—and now, “one is taken and the other left.” The survivor is called on to discharge the last office of friendship and love.

From the baptismal vow to the departure heavenward, christian uniformity of demeanour was observable in the lamented deceased. It was a quiet walk with God, a well-sustained endeavour to exhibit, in temper and conduct, the influence of the gospel. Her gentleness of spirit and retiring disposition shrunk from the whirl and bustle in which some find themselves at home, and christian graces shone in a limited sphere, yet not less brightly. When she entered into the marriage relation wider scope for the manifestations of love and zeal was furnished, bringing into operation powers and qualities which had not been before developed. By the grace of God she proved equal to every demand, and filled with credit the various stations of trust and responsibility—public and private—in England, in Canada, and in Nova Scotia—in which she was placed.

Such a life as hers, however, was of necessity barren of incidents. It presented to view an unbroken line of duty, faithfully discharged, but was undiversified by extraordinary changes, or events of any thrilling interest. It will be advisable, therefore, to attempt a general sketch, without descending to minuteness of detail.

My departed wife cherished the most profound reverence and ardent love for God's holy word. It was her constant companion. Whatever engagements required attention, whatever other books were read,