

A decorative border of roses and leaves frames the text. The roses are in various stages of bloom, and the leaves are detailed with veins. The border follows the top, right, and bottom edges of the page, with a small floral element on the left edge.

the choice flowers and tables laden with rare delicacies which she had prepared for their entertainment. Many of them had never seen it before after this fashion. Said one to me, "How I wish my wife could have been here to enjoy it all."

As to the end of life she preserved the sensitive moral instincts and deep religious faith and affections of her childhood, so to the end she expanded in all her intellectual faculties as a larger experience and new fields of work or opportunities for culture called out her latent powers. Her early solid education had laid a good foundation. Her native good sense, clear judgment and keen, fine intuitions always stood her in good stead, and as she was called to take her place in the highest social circles she was as to the manor born. Her grace of manner and modest dignity of bearing were as fit for the palace as for the cottage. At the same time each new phase of life brought to her quick intelligence new treasures of knowledge. Her intimate friends