

A P P E N D I X .

No. II.

I have been asked to add to this imperfect sketch of Sir John Franklin's life, a few particulars respecting his only child—that infant daughter whom he left in her dying mother's arms, when he sailed for the Arctic regions in 1825.

The babe was tenderly reared by a widowed sister of Sir John's, but after his second marriage, Lady Franklin became, of course, his daughter's natural guardian. She faithfully performed a mother's part, and personally directed Eleanor's education, first in England, and afterwards in Hobarton, Tasmania, whither Eleanor accompanied Sir John and Lady Franklin, on her father's accepting the Governorship of that colony. Before she had quite left the schoolroom, she had become engaged to be the wife of the Rev. John Philip Gell, that favourite pupil of Dr. Arnold's, whom he had sent out to be Principal of the College at Hobarton, as you doubtless remember.

The young lovers were, however, separated for some time, when Eleanor returned with her father to England in 1844. And after Mr. Gell's return from Tasmania, their marriage was still delayed by the sad cloud of uncertainty hanging over Sir John's fate. They had intended waiting his return to England for the celebration of their marriage, but the "hope deferred, which maketh the heart sick," was still to be theirs for a long period.

At length, in 1849, by the advice of Lady Franklin and their friends, the marriage took place, and, but for the still lowering cloud of suspense, soon to deepen into sad certainty, their union was a very happy one. Mr. Gell had