

perament, and whenever the occasion arose she exercised her calm influence in controlling his sometimes unreasonable bursts of passion. His affection for her was so great, and his confidence in her sound judgment so strong, that she was able to aid him materially in the struggles of his early career; and when at length he attained wealth, and high position, she proved a worthy helpmate capable in every way of filling the place she was as his wife called to occupy. It was seldom he took any step of importance without consulting her, and her rare common sense would generally prevail with him. They had a large family, of whom five only survived him, and herself survived him for twenty five years dying at Amherst in February 1893 at the ripe age of ninety eight. She lived to see her children's children in the fourth generation respected and beloved by all her descendants. It was fortunate for him that he was blessed with such a good, and prudent wife who readily, and uncomplainingly shared with him the trials, and difficulties with which he had soon to contend.

The period of time then necessary for serving under Articles of Apprenticeship, five years, had not expired, when Stewart's prospects were suddenly clouded by a blow from an unexpected quarter. The firm in which he had been a partner became insolvent. He had not taken the proper steps to make known to the public his severance from the partnership. As a consequence the creditors sought to make him responsible for the partnership's liabilities. Suits were brought against him, judgments obtained, and he was chased with executions by the Sheriff for claims he could not meet, and for which he felt he was in no way morally responsible. As far as possible his friends screened him, and even the officers of the law were favourably disposed towards him. His one great object was to complete his studies so that he might be enrolled as an Attorney and Barrister-at-law. In this he finally succeeded. An arrangement was made by which he surrendered to the creditors everything he possessed, provided he was permitted to pursue his professional studies unmolested. On these terms he continued to work until his admission to the Bar. It was then he had to