

In married life she became the mother of six daughters ; and a few months before her death, she gave birth to her first and only son. To the guidance and training of these children, she devoted the best energies of her nature. She felt that they were hers, to educate for time and for eternity ; and she possessed the power in no stinted measure of imbuing their infantile minds with her own sentiment and spirit, and of stamping them physically, intellectually and religiously, with her own image. So perfect was her discipline, that her children knew no will but hers. It was not the discipline of fitful passion, of physical or mental torture ; but it was emphatically the discipline of intensified maternal love. When orders were given, no one questioned their propriety, or asked for an explanation, but all hastened to obey with cheerful promptitude and genuine filial affection. In all her domestic relations, love was the ruling power. Amid the wreck of worldly possessions, and in the dark, chilling night of adversity, love sat in queenly majesty upon the throne of her loving heart, sending forth its beams of light and hope to cheer and to console. If the sunlight of prosperity shone upon her path, she received it as a gift from God, to be improved to his glory ; and when crossing providences blighted her earthly prospects, she bowed in humble submission, saying, " Shall I receive good at the hand of the Lord, and not evil."

The rapidity with which her children multiplied, and her deep devotion to their happiness and education, prevented her from acting a very prominent part beyond the domestic circle. But here in her own chosen, loved home, she infused sentiments, displayed virtues, and implanted principles which, through surviving loved ones, will extend to future generations ; bloom and bear their fruit in the unsullied regions of a blissful immortality.

HER ILLNESS AND DEATH.

From infancy to mature age she was favoured with excellent health, and had as fair a prospect apparently of long life as the most robust amongst us ; but within the last three years, although for the most part able to attend to her usual duties, there were indications of failing health. But not sufficiently marked to awaken any very serious apprehensions until since the birth of her last child. Her confinement was attended with unusual debility, and not long after she was attacked with what appeared to be a severe