

for the right was a rock against which temptation of all sorts beat in vain. His judgments were, doubtless, sometimes wrong, but there must be few men in the world with consciences more undefiled than his. One of his most marked characteristics was his love for reading. He was not insensible to human companionship, or the charms of society, but give him a book or a newspaper, and he was always perfectly content to be alone. He was not free from regard for the good opinion of others, but the morbid desire to be conspicuous that characterizes so many, and indeed all purely selfish ambitions, were foreign to his nature. An atmosphere of thought and enquiry, through his influence, pervaded his home, and his children will always remember with pleasure the dignified, clear English, an English formed from intercourse with the best classics of our tongue, that he always spoke and encouraged his family to speak. In early life he was strict, even stern, in discipline, and unable sometimes to enter into his children's younger ways of thought, but there was never a time, when for them, or for his wife, whom he loved with rare devotion, he would not have cut off his right hand, had he felt that their welfare required it. In the