

friends, they want not the only genuine consolation, which such an event requires ; and, as it has been her Heavenly Father's good will to remove her from a world of sorrow, we trust, they can rejoice in the certain hope of her admittance into the realms of bliss.

To portray the character of her who is no more, is to paint all that is amiable in disposition, all that is praise-worthy in private life. From her earliest years she was known to the greatest part of this congregation, and I can confidently appeal to you for the correctness of my delineation. I could refer to others also whose wants she studied to relieve, whose sorrows it was her earnest desire to alleviate. Benevolence marked her short course, and the tale of misery found hers a ready ear to which it could have access. The willing hand obeyed the dictates of a kind and feeling heart, and the blessings of the needy were daily her portion. I might refer also to her equals in age and situation, whose friendship unabated continued to the last moment, and who would join me in saying that she has not left one, who of her can entertain an unkind thought. In all her actions she was directed by the exalted principle of doing whatever good her circumstances permitted, not for the sake of applause, but through love to all around her, and for the commendations of an approving conscience. Where the mind is actuated by such motives, we cannot think so harshly of human nature as to suppose, that envy or malice would vent their bitterness against a character so worthy.

In these points, we can unhesitatingly affirm, that she has left us a most excellent example. But here we must not rest. In these instances, the natural feelings may obtain, and excite their possessor to good will to others, while the individual still leads an unrenewed and impenitent life. Often do we see the utmost benevolence prevail in the breasts of those, who, we have cause to regret, carry their religion no farther

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