

which command respect and secure esteem—all found themselves at ease in his presence; for so far was he from being a restraint on the young and lively, that his occasional playfulness encouraged their openness and gaiety, while the dignity of his general deportment prevented the innocent delights of the social circle from degenerating into levity.

His Lordship was singularly happy in his domestic relations. Mrs. Mountain, in every respect worthy of such a husband, is in her manners amiable and engaging—in her religion sincere, active, and cheerful—in charity, unbounded, without regard to sect or nation; exhibiting in her whole conduct Christian love as it were embodied.—Who, that has lived in Quebec for the last thirty years, can hesitate in bearing testimony to the unwearied goodness of her heart, and the sweetness of her temper; and who that approached her, did not feel the influence of her Christian purity and incessant benevolence, stealing upon his heart, and inspiring him with similar sentiments and dispositions? Every day was an encomium on her character, as it never passed without acts of charity and parental affection. It was her piety, uniform and cheerful, her meekness of disposition and anxiety to do good, which endeared her to all her friends, and gave her husband and her children so many years of the most refined domestic felicity. The Bishop's feeling and affectionate heart was capable of appreciating her extraordinary merit, and of returning with interest the happiness she bestowed. Bereaved of her dearest treasure on earth, her tears are sweetened by the consolations of religion. Severe as the dispensation is, her confidence in God her Saviour is unshaken. She feels assured that she will soon meet her husband again never more to be separated. Comforted by the blessings of the poor, the sympathy of the good and the consciousness of a well spent life, her mourning during the short period that she yet remains in this world, will be turned into an inward joy, which no man can take away.