

womanliness of her pen ; and I hope the new generation who still read her books upon Art, and find an interest in her poetical criticisms and spontaneous utterances of practical benevolence, will like to know what the fashion of her life was, and with how much courage and steadfastness she went on working, and not faltering, to the end of her career.

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