

that no troubles could subdue, that bore with womanly heroism all the privations of her lot, that willingly endured the hardest sacrifices for the sake of her children. And so it came to pass that from the little Stockbridge parsonage four sons were sent to college, and prepared to enter with credit on a professional career; while other three sons, and two daughters, received such advantages as could be obtained in the best schools.

The influence of her sanguine and elastic temperament may be traced, we think, in the son whose career the following pages are designed to commemorate; and to his honour, be it said, that the strongest passion of his boyhood was his love for his mother. And never, of a truth, had the children of any mother greater cause to "risc up and call her blessed."

They did not fail to honour her. The family that grew up so happily in that quiet nook of New England have made thei'r mark on American history. Of the sons, the one best known in England is he whose career we shall trace in the present volume, and whose arduous efforts have linked his country to ours by the magic wire. The others, however, are not unknown on either side of the Atlantic. Of the four college-bred