

blast; but it rather resembled the "path of the just," which "is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day," Prov. iv. 18. Or, if that may be thought too flattering a representation, it was just going on in God's ways, and exemplifying, in the various relationships of life, a deep consciousness of obligation to divine grace, in harmony with Romans xii. 1, 2.

Her native good sense, strengthened and sanctified by religion, admirably qualified her for a counsellor. She possessed a keen perception of propriety. She could not endure the least swerving from integrity and straightforwardness in the conduct of affairs. She seemed to discern intuitively the pathway of prudence. She was a model of discretion. I never repented of following her advice; it was always safe to give good heed to her admonitions and cautions. "She opened her mouth with wisdom," Prov. xxxi. 26.

Distinguished as she was for the manifestation of that "meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price," (1 Pet. iii. 4,) and disinclined to exact rigorously even what might be regarded as rightful claims, she knew how to draw the line between abjectness and proud assumptions. She was gentle and yielding, and "in her tongue was the law of kindness":—but on fitting occasions, when it was needful to protest against wrong-doing or repel insult, she could be firm as a rock.

She enjoyed in a high degree the pleasures of benevolence, esteeming it an essential part of the christian's calling to tread in the steps of Him who "went about