

by him, and regarded him with the highest reverence.

It is no common bereavement which has happened to us in the death of such a man. Mr. Bidwell was a singular illustration of the highest intellectual and spiritual excellencies. His attainments were varied and thorough and comprehensive. In all the years during which he has been prominently active, first and elsewhere in affairs of State, and afterwards here, in the practice of his profession, he has been a man of mark, his opinions have had power with men, his influence has been felt far and wide. Nature endowed him generously with intellectual powers, and these he cultivated to a high degree by the most careful study, not only of the principles and precedents of jurisprudence, but also of all subjects which are worthy of the interest of educated minds. His reading covered all departments of literary and religious interest, and all he read was thoroughly digested. It seems almost superfluous to say that he was a man of strict integrity. His honest, upright spirit would tolerate no deviation from the right. He walked in his integrity before the world, faithful to every trust, inflexible in the defense of what he thought to be