

engaging from its dignity, urbanity and ease, were united a cordiality and kindness of deportment which induced one to desire a more intimate acquaintance.

" In his social intercourse, he was a universal favorite for the sweetness of his temper, and the innocence of his heart opened the affection of all in his favor. It was not that he was distinguished for his colloquial powers, for he was by no means the leader in conversation, but there was the polish of the most refined manners ripened by innate benevolence, which made him so acceptable in all companies, that those only who have had the happiness of meeting him often in society, can form a just conception of the pleasure of his presence.

" But highly as this excellent man was to be admired and loved for his engaging manners and virtuous sentiments, the exalted qualities which dignified his moral nature are still more worthy of approbation. There were the gems which shed around his character, that lustre which made him so great a favorite. A strict probity and inviolable love of truth were perhaps the most prominent of his moral virtues. From these his conduct derived such a purity and elevation as could only spring from a mind in which the finest sensibilities of virtue had ever remained uncontaminated by the consciousness of dishonor. To transmit this precious inheritance to his children by precept and example was the principal study of his life, and to secure to them the permanent enjoyment of this valuable deposit, he labored unceasingly to inculcate that which he truly deemed the foundation of every virtue — the principle of religion.

His was not a religion of speculation, but a rule of life which governed all his actions, and not only extended its