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of each, and then bade them farewell. After this she had her children called to her, beginning with the oldest, and most solemnly and affectionately counselled and exhorted them to serve the Lord God of their fathers, and then looking on the four youngest with inexpressible tenderness, first committed them to her covenant-keeping God, and then to those who had promised her that as far as God would enable them, they would act toward them the part of earthly parents. She directed that a Bible should be given to each of them as a legacy from their mother. I saw that mother die. Her end was peace. Her departure was like the sun setting in a clear summer evening, calm, peaceful, beautiful, glorious. I have lived to see all her children members of the church, five of them ministers of the gospel, one a valuable elder in the church, and all I trust following her footsteps to heaven. I need not tell some who hear me who that mother was."

- When she was taken away, and that which she had so wisely commenced and so faithfully attended to devolved on the Rev. Mr.

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