

as occur to the memory as illustrative of his character.— He was a man whom it was a privilege to know. He possessed a highly cultivated mind and large intelligence; and was particularly distinguished for a clear, direct common sense, which fitted him to take a lead in the practical affairs of life. With no anxiety for wealth, and, above all, with none of that passion for it which reveals itself in wild and heated speculations; he became rich, simply because whatever he undertook was, in most cases, worth succeeding; and his judgment and energy caused everything to prosper which he touched. His interest in politics, and in all matters which related to the public welfare was always strong, though probably the offer of no office could have tempted him for a moment from private life. He sympathized with the great reforms of the day, though never in their extravagancies. He was essentially conservative, but his conservatism was of that kind which conserve by improving. A large part of what he wrote had relations to theology; and was always distinguished for its Christian earnestness, and its logical clearness and force. In 1830–31, he published a series of Essays, in a periodical form, for circulation in the region where he lived, on the questions in controversy between the Unitarians and Orthodox. They make a small volume, and for their purpose, we know of nothing better of their kind.

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A vicious habit—an indulged little sin—a neglected duty—how easily are they taken care of, if we are in season with them, but how ruinous and stubborn if left alone!