

NARRATIVE.

CHAPTER I.

MR. AND MRS. HUDSON.

Samuel Hudson was the son of a farmer, in good circumstances, who lived in the town of S., M. county, Massachusetts ; and in the town of C., near by, lived Miss Ordelia Wilder, his affianced bride. She was the daughter of a farmer, who died, leaving his widow with nine children, some of them quite small. They were all industrious, and having one of the best of mothers to superintend the management of their affairs, they succeeded in keeping their farm, and acquired a good living. They were brought up in a strict observance of good, moral, and religious principles.

Samuel and Ordelia were married at an early age. They selected a farm, for their future residence, upon the lovely banks of the Nashua river, in the county of W., where they lived for many years, happily and contentedly. They gradually increased in wealth, and often enlarged the borders of their farm. In a few years they became wealthy and independent. It is