



She loved her children, with an ardor of affection, which burns only in a mother's breast. She therefore reached the moment in time of their death, especially in the case of two of her sons, who, while following the sea, died on a foreign shore—where no sister's hand ministered to them in their mortal frailty—and the soothing tones of a mother's voice was not heard amid the awful surges of the river of death.

May the Lord sustain them all by his grace, and sanctify to them this dispensation of His providence. S. F. H. Jacksonville, Aug. 18, 1864.

ELLA AND EMMA RATCHFORD. Died of Diphtheria at West Cornwallis July 23, 1864, Charlotte Ella, daughter of Moses and Frances Ratchford, aged 5 years. To the parents this was a sore bereavement, their favourite child taken from them at that tender age.

West Cornwallis, Aug. 15.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1864.

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Sketches of Macaulay. NO. I. MACAULAY AS AN ORATOR. (Extract from a Lecture delivered in Dartmouth, March, 1864.)

From the position and character of Zachary Macaulay, as well as from the commanding talents of his mind, it was early marked out for the latter; and accordingly we find him young entered at Lincoln's Inn, and finally called to the Bar in 1826.

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