

relations with others; of indomitable will he met opposition and adversity with unshaken courage and fortitude. With such salient points of character, it could not have been expected that his intercourse with mankind would always be smooth and without its conflicts and collisions. But under the lengthening shadows of declining years, these all faded away from a heart softened by charity and the spirit of christian forgiveness, leaving no trace behind.

As a neighbor the deceased was prompt to do neighborly offices; and in the lowly walks of life his footsteps were seen, and his generous hand felt. Hospitable to all, he was especially kind to the poor, who were never turned from his door without charity; and many are the instances in which the kindness and assistance which he extended to this class of persons have caused his name to be blessed. Having been the architect of his own fortune amidst many trials, he knew how to sympathize with others who were struggling, under adverse circumstances, for a livelihood, and he was ready to give encouragement and a hand to help. As a member of society, the deceased put his hand to every good work—to all measures having for their object the improvement of the moral and social condition of the people, and contributed liberally of his means for their promotion.

The writer, who was long honored with his most intimate confidence, and for years enjoyed his society, feels that he is not departing from the rules of propriety in following the deceased into that sacred circle where the most tender relations of life are felt and cherished, and in speaking of those qualities which endeared him to his household, as husband, father, and master. Steady and constant affection characterized his conduct in all his family relations. Towards children and servants his disposition was—indulgence; but in his discipline he recognized the true principles of family government, and commanding respect for his authority as its head. In his nature there was a genial warmth of affection and exuberance of spirits, which shed around his hearth-stone a feeling of cheerfulness and contentedness. Here he threw off the cares and serious business of life, and mingled freely in the innocent amusements and pleasures of his household. Even in old age, when with the young, he exhibited without a sacrifice of dignity, the sprightliness and buoyancy of youth. How many precious, happy hours spent in this home circle are now recalled to memory!

In his habits of life, the deceased was remarkably regular and temperate—entirely abstemious as to spirituous liquors. In business matters, he was punctual, exact, and methodical, and his affairs managed always with an assurance of being adequate to all exigencies, until the late war deranged the plans, and disappointed the hopes of the most prudent.

Years before his death, the deceased felt the saving grace of the Redeemer, and united himself to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he continued a consistent member, till the day of his death. The writer saw him not many days before he passed away from earth, and was struck with his calmness and serenity of mind in the midst of sufferings which he knew were hastening him to the grave. His conversation and tone, shewed that he was prepared for the last messenger; that he had made his peace with God, and was awaiting the hour when he would soon be clothed with the bright robes of righteousness. The messenger came; he obeyed the summons, and passed away without a struggle, as calmly as a summer's day. The grave has closed over his mortal remains. Family and friends mourn their loss; but in the midst of their grief and desolation of heart, they are comforted with the faith that it is his gain, and pray that their end may be like his.