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“That humble dwelling was the school of domestic peace — of intelligence — of cheerfulness — of piety and of hospitality. A stranger could not pass a night in this Christian family without feeling that religion casts a loveliness over the domestic circle, and that the sweetest joys of earthly friendship are shared in the family.” — PAGE 55.

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"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. ii, 10.

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The characters of men remain behind them after they have left the world. The good and faithful may continue to do good by their example and moral influence beyond the period of their mortal lives and after they have gone to their reward.

It is with a view to perpetuate the example and influence of a laborious and faithful minister of the Gospel, that the following Memoir is given to the public. It has not been the design of the compiler, to furnish a biographical sketch to attract the admiration of readers, nor to accord with the taste of the age, in requiring that which is wonderful and uncommon and marvellous in a memoir ; but it has been his design to present the subject of the following memoir in a true light—to exhibit him just as he was in his life, in plain narrative, without embellishments of style or figures of rhetoric.

He has not entered on this service, without the solicitation of friends, nor without the advice of Ministerial Brethren. The impression was extensive among the numerous friends and acquaintances of Mr. Vaill, after his decease, that a brief memoir of his life would be useful to the cause of Christ, and that some record of his faithful services, and ministerial and Christian graces should be preserved for the benefit of the living. How far the compiler has succeeded in this humble attempt to give a true portraiture of the character of this beloved

and venerable minister of Christ, he leaves it to the reader to say.

He commits the volume to the Providence of God, and submits it to an impartial Christian public, with hope and with prayer to God, that so far as read, it will perpetuate the example of this faithful servant of the Lord, for the encouragement of Christians and Christian ministers in duty, and awaken interest in all classes of readers in the concerns of salvation, and thus prove instrumental in advancing the interests of true religion in the world.

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East Haddam, August 14th, 1839.

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