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MY FRIENDS :

WILL you take my arm and walk awhile
With me, over the fields broad and fair ?
And see how sweetly nature can smile
On her beauties everywhere ?
We do not propose to map the way,
Nor to bridge all the chasms deep ;
But over pleasant lawns we will stray,
And pause by some tombstones to weep.
We will cull a few fern leaves for you,
And may add a wild blossom or two.

We shall take you by no other beat,
Than those we have trodden before ;
Those where have failed our own weary feet,
Until we can tread them no more.
The romancer's page is not found here,
The sketches we give are all true ;
Our own humble self we would appear,
While thus reminiscing with you.
Next to my God, my friends I prize,
This for *apology* must suffice.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent data collection procedures and the use of advanced analytical techniques to derive meaningful insights from the data.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in data management and analysis. It discusses how modern software solutions can streamline data collection, storage, and processing, thereby improving efficiency and accuracy.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data management, such as data quality, security, and privacy. It provides strategies to mitigate these risks and ensure that the data remains reliable and secure.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of data governance and the role of various stakeholders in ensuring that data is used ethically and in compliance with relevant regulations.

6. The sixth part of the document provides a detailed overview of the data lifecycle, from data collection to data archiving and deletion. It emphasizes the need for clear policies and procedures to manage the data throughout its entire lifecycle.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the role of data in decision-making and the importance of providing timely and accurate information to management. It highlights how data-driven insights can lead to better strategic decisions and improved organizational performance.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of data literacy and the need for training and development programs to ensure that all employees are equipped with the skills necessary to work effectively with data.

9. The ninth part of the document discusses the role of data in innovation and the importance of fostering a data-driven culture within the organization. It highlights how data can be used to identify new opportunities and drive innovation in products and services.

10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of data in risk management and the need for robust data security measures to protect the organization's assets. It highlights how data can be used to identify potential risks and develop effective risk mitigation strategies.

A KEEPSAKE.

NATIVITY.

THIRTY miles from Boston, Massachusetts, is the pretty manufacturing town called Taunton. A narrow, ribbon-like river meanders through the place, which ebbs and flows so gracefully with the ocean-tide as to create for itself many admirers. On the bank of this river, within a half-mile of Taunton's lofty church-spires, stands a rustic edifice. Up its side that faces the north, climbing vines have gone to mingle with the moss upon its roof, thus kindly covering the scars which battering elements have been multiplying ever since the time when the first war-ery was wrung from the heart of our young America by a proud squad of British invaders. But why linger about this old gray, time-worn structure, when costly homes lift their aristocratic proportions in every direction, vying with each other in beauty and in costliness? We are content to leave those modern palaces to their admirers, while we pay our *devoirs* to the humble reminder of days and of loves that have gone to the blessed beyond. It was beneath this ancient roof my dear good father

received his birth; and it was here, too, the writer of this page first commenced an existence which is to run parallel with the ages of eternity. Born August 1, 1815, surrounded by all that is lovely in nature, and enshrined in arms of love—a wee, weak fragment of creation; her cradle no better than bulrush, and her garments were modestly embroidered by the hand of industry. No costly toys or painted candies bribed her into pleasant moods; but what was better, she was born to a strange heroism which in after-life was to keep her from being wrecked amid the conflicts of human elements.

My father was an only son, and the youngest child of religious parents, and was early trained in the school of good morals and correct habits. He ever followed the divine injunction, "Seek not high things for thyself." To be faultless among his fellow-men was his highest ambition, until the grace of God arrested his attention when in the meridian of life, and directed him to the fountain of purity, causing him to fix his hopes, and center his all, in that Adorable One who lived our example upon earth, that we might attain to the light and gladness of life immortal. For many years he was one of those humble stars

which help to make up the galaxy of earth's shining ones; but as his release drew near, his faith brightened, his mind expanded, and his bed of death was a place of distinguished triumph. He passed from earth-life May, 1848, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. Nature's green robe waves over his last resting-place in the beautiful cemetery at Jamestown, New York. His dependent family, some of whom were young, and others invalids, was left to the foster-care of our second brother, I. L. Hall, who filled the responsible position with a fidelity entirely above our highest praise.

EARLY IMPRESSIONS.

BANISH grief and fear from the children small,
And nourish their being with love;
Then when autumn leaves around them shall fall,
Their hopes may be garnered above.
The joys and the griefs of my early years,
Are things I can never forget;
So pitiful were those infantile tears—
Oft my cheeks seem still with them wet.
Now three-score winters have silvered my hair,
And their storms have shattered my frame;
My traveling robe is out of repair,
And the child falls to weeping again.
But the tears of to-day are my benison,
For those bright *spirit robes* I am putting on.