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Memoir.

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"HE, BEING DEAD, YET SPEAKETH."
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THE name of WILLIAM KENDRICK, loved and honored by thousands, is the only proper introduction to this brief biography. From pious parents he inherited a healthy body, a handsome person, a sound mind, and the blessed guardianship of a covenant-keeping Savior and God. They taught him Christian principles, industrious habits, and the manners of a gentleman.

His father, Walter Kendrick, was born at Sandon, near Stone, in Staffordshire, England, on the 16th of September, 1765. His mother, Nancy Fielding, was born near Manchester, on the 16th of July, 1769. Both of them were devout mem-

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bers of the Church of England. They were married at Oldham, near Manchester, in 1795, where their first child was born on the 2d of September, 1796. Soon after marriage they determined to seek a home in America. He arrived in the City of New York on the 4th of April, 1796, and some time afterward wrote the following hopeful letter to his waiting wife :

“ To Mrs. Kendrick, Oldham, near Manchester :

DEAR WIFE:—I have the pleasure to inform you of my safe arrival in New York, after a passage of twenty-eight days, and have now got quite fixed in a very good stand for business, with a very handsome shop, and have a prospect of doing a great deal of business, wholesale and retail. I have the neatest hat shop in the city and the newest fashions from London.”

How many months of saddening separation were endured before the industrious tradesman had the happiness of welcoming his wife and child to an American home we know not. Nor can we tell of rapturous joy in reunited loving hearts when no longer separated by the rolling waves of ocean. The patient labors of

the youthful emigrants in business place and home are unrecorded. The thousand thoughtful ministrations of time-tested love, which made that home a heaven of delights can not be depicted. What happy associations were enjoyed with new found friends, or what tender memories of earlier years were awakened by the solemn services of Old Trinity Church must be left to the reader's imagination.

The children of Walter and Nancy Fielding Kendrick were Mary Ann, born in Oldham, England, September 2d, 1796; Nancy, born in New York, April 4th, 1801; Walter, born in New York, January 30th, 1805; Margaret, born in Newark, New Jersey, November 17th, 1807; and William, born in Patterson, New Jersey, February 11th, 1810. They were all baptized in infancy—Mary Ann, at Oldham, in the Church of England; Nancy and Walter at New York, and Margaret and William at Newark, New Jersey in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mary Ann never married. She died in