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Gifts of Charles & Peter the Brothers.

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"The kindest and the loveliest pair,
Will find occasion to forbear;
And something every day they live
To pity, and perhaps forgive."

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PREFACE.

Love is an essential element of connubial felicity — not the effervescence of youthful passion, but a pure, fervent, and enduring regard, that will enable the married pair to bear with the imperfections of human nature, and overcome the trials of life. God saw it not best for man to be alone, and he gave him woman as his most fitting companion. Marriage is not, therefore, a mere commercial transaction — it is an institution for mutual happiness, and mutual profit, and its great end can never be answered where true and sincere love is wanting. Let me counsel, then, those entering into this holy and interesting relation, to guard well this cardinal point. And after the marriage ceremony is passed, and the nuptial vows shall have been exchanged, and the novelty of the married

life wears away, see to it, that the affections do not begin to lag — that coldness, or indifference, or fretfulness do not invade the sanctuary of the heart. Rest now upon your strong mutual regard, and let the affections that have been but recently kindled and cemented, grow stronger and stronger, as time and age may be given to you.

In this little volume are many hints and suggestions calculated to promote the highest interests of the husband and the wife in the various situations incident to the married state. The young married pair will not always be young — they have entered upon a relation that will exist to the end of life; — it is wise, then, to look to the end, note the way marks, and pursue the path that leads to happiness. It is believed that this humble effort will not be considered an unworthy offering by pastor, friend, or lover, to any who may be interested in the subject of its pages.

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