

her beloved and which gave her such potent influence over all lives which came in contact with her's.

Rarely intelligent and gifted with a mental organism that responded promptly to every demand made upon it, she took an enthusiastic interest in all subjects which might engage the best thoughts of mankind. She was an incessant and intelligent reader and a close observer, so that whenever occasion arose she showed herself thoroughly informed, and yet the charm of her manner was its perfect simplicity and freedom from self-assertion. Not only was she well informed on many subjects, but she possessed the rare gift of imparting information in such a manner that the recipient was instructed without being made painfully conscious of her superiority or his own ignorance. She was especially happy in her ability to amuse and instruct children, and had an inexhaustible fund of stories drawn from history, mythology, folklore, fiction and Holy Writ, upon which she drew for our delectation, and of which we children never tired. Her manner of telling them was inimitable. We would gather about her of evenings and listen for hours at a time, often demanding a repetition of some favorite story or listening with delight to some new one that had been called to mind by a chance remark or some event of the day. Our first knowledge of the Scriptures was gained in this way, and the historic characters of the Old Testament became familiar to us long before we could read, while the sweet story of Bethlehem, the words and works of the Savior of mankind, and the tragedy of Calvary, which crowned the great work of man's redemption, sank deep into our young hearts, and the lessons implanted there bore rich spiritual fruits in the years that followed. Oftentimes she told us of her child-