

For the long period of sixty years that he lived in the town of Poughkeepsie, he was one of the most prominent and respected citizens of the place, and was distinguished for the excellence of his character, his public spirit and benevolence. He would never consent to accept public office, but in every other way promoted the welfare of the community, and the prosperity of the town, and his fellow citizens.

He possessed to the fullest extent, the interest in and devotion to the Episcopal Church, that had been so prominent a characteristic of his ancestors, and throughout his long life, was a faithful and earnest member of that church, and contributed largely of his wealth, his personal effort, and his influence, to advance its interests, and add to its resources.

The following extract from the sermon preached by the Rev. Samuel Buel, of Christ Church, on the occasion of his funeral, most fully and feelingly describes his character and work as a Christian and a churchman :

“ I do but express what is known to all of the congregation that worships in these courts, what all cheerfully accord to him, when I say, that of the parish to which he belonged he was a fast and a liberal friend. No undertaking was set on foot for the welfare of the parish, or its support, or the improvement of anything connected with it, to which he did not make the largest offerings that were given—and give them too with gladness and cheerfulness. In all the history of the parish—in its edifices, in every effort that has been made for its maintenance, or its benefit, there are mementoes of him ; and in its memory he ought ever freshly to live.

“ In his place in the house of God ; in his place at the table of the Lord ; in all our associated effort ; he will be missed—and none so much as he, because none so long as he, has been the ever-ready, ever-liberal servant of God and his Church, in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. His deeds here certainly bear witness to the truth and reality of his devotion to Christ and the Church.”

A life that is so described could not but be as happy as it was