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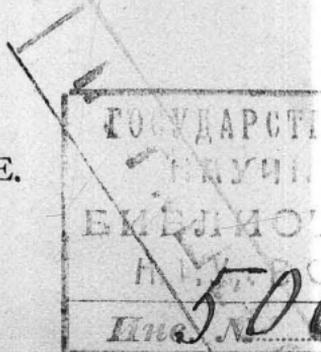
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TO THE BELOVED MEMORY  
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A RIGHTEOUS MAN

WHO LOVED GOD AND TRUTH ABOVE ALL THINGS.  
A MAN OF UNTARNISHED HONOUR—  
LOYAL AND CHIVALROUS—GENTLE AND STRONG—  
MODEST AND HUMBLE—TENDER AND TRUE—  
PITIFUL TO THE WEAK—YEARNING AFTER THE ERRING—  
STERN TO ALL FORMS OF WRONG AND OPPRESSION,  
YET MOST STERN TOWARDS HIMSELF—  
WHO BEING ANGRY, YET SINNED NOT.  
WHOSE HIGHEST VIRTUES WERE KNOWN ONLY  
TO HIS WIFE, HIS CHILDREN, HIS SERVANTS, AND THE POOR.  
WHO LIVED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD HERE,  
AND PASSING THROUGH THE GRAVE AND GATE OF DEATH  
NOW LIVETH UNTO GOD FOR EVERMORE.

## PREFACE.

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