

the wisdom of the sage, and his friends, while basking in the sunshine of his affection, felt proud of the distinction shown him.

"Religious subjects were, with him, frequent topics of discourse and correspondence. Religion was, with him, a rule of life, a system of good works from good ends. He reposed with confidence and reverence upon the truths of revelation, and looked with the calm eye of Christian philosophy on the future.

"He became sensible when he left for the South that the probabilities were against his return, and he calmly arranged his affairs and set his house in order preparatory to the coming emergency. His anticipations have proved too true. He has gone from amongst us at the age of seventy-four years—a green old age—leaving to us the richest legacy which a man can leave to his fellows—a great and good name.

"This rapid and meager sketch is felt by the author to be far beneath the merits of its subject, but he makes it as an humble offering to that much-cherished friendship which he hopes will be renewed beyond the grave."

The wife of Dr. Joseph Speed is described as in every way a worthy partner of her excellent husband. She was above the average height, unusually handsome, of great intelligence and sweet and winning manner.

Their married life was extended over a period of nearly fifty years, from 1796 to 1845, when she died at the age of seventy-one.

They had ten children, five of whom were born in Virginia, and five in the "wilderness" of New York :

1. Joseph John, born November 18, 1797.
2. Mary Harper, born December 15, 1799.
3. Son, died 1801.
4. Robert Harper, born November 29, 1802.
5. William Patillo, born November 20, 1804.
6. Henry Goode, born September 14, 1807.
7. Son, born and died 1809.
8. Son, born and died —.
9. Diana Caroline, born October 12, 1811.
10. James Richard, born March 20, 1815.

JOSEPH JOHN SPEED.

Joseph John Speed, the oldest son of Dr. Joseph Speed, born November 18, 1797. He lived in Baltimore, Md., and