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devotion to the discharge of religious and worldly responsibilities; the same deep and benevolent desire to do good and promote the happiness of life in every practicable way, were even more conspicuous beneath the clouds of adversity. Nor was she without her earthly reward. If she underwent grief, she was the object of long, faithful and devoted attachment. The circle of friends rendered narrower by sickness, death and mundane changes, became more near and self devoted, and were successful in greatly promoting the peace and happiness of her decline.

Sacrificing the lighter accomplishments, in common with the Religious Society to which she belonged, she was versed in a singularly wide range of elegant knowledge. How could she be otherwise, when for so many years the habitual companion of distinguished learning and talent of both foreign and American birth? Her evening receptions met with a success rare in our country. When they began Philadelphia was the capital of the Union. — Correa da Serra, Jefferson, Telghman and Rawle were among their ornaments; and they became the favorite refuge of the highly educated European, longing for the tasteful society of the great Continental city.

It is well known that the name she bore, in common with the late professor, her husband, is still claimed with pride by the most distinguished of our literary coteries, the Wistar Club, and one of our most valuable scientific collections, the Wistar Museum.

Few American women have enjoyed so much distinction; while few, I fear, by humility and submission, have been so well prepared for another world. To those who approached her it is well known, that this view is neither exaggerated nor imaginary; and in the last hours of mental competency, reminding surviving relations that "Jesus is the resurrection and the life", she attested them of her dependance on the Christian foundation, and endeavored to confirm their own.