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Husband." 5s.





MRS. CRAIK'S MEMORIAL.

27/5/87  
 Saturday 27- Aug  
 Dear Mr. Chapman I will bring you  
 Agatha's husband between 11 & 12  
 on Tuesday next. Shall you be  
 at Piccadilly then? -  
 Very sincerely yours  
 Dinah Mulock

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DYING in 1887, the beloved author, whose readers were also not always to their own thought her personal friends, left a sense of bereavement in ten thousand homes. A woman, herself a renowned and successful writer of books, said the other day, "I read *John Halifax* regularly once a year"; and however great the popularity of later novels, those of Dinah Mulock Craik remain unchallenged household favorites. They are safe, pure books, full of sweetness and charity, with a scorn of all that is base, and a fearless defending of the right. Also they are matchless from the story-teller's point of view, cheating the heart of care, and leading to self-forgetfulness. *A Life for a Life* and *A Brave Lady* dispute with many the claim of *John Halifax* to pre-eminence, but Mrs.

Craik's nineteen novels and eleven delightful children's books, to say nothing of essays, translations, and travels, all show the conscientious hand of the artist and the true heart of the woman. The marble memorial of which our picture is an accurate representation was designed at the instance of loving friends on both sides of the sea, paid for by their contributions, and erected in Tewksbury church - Tewksbury being the background of *John Halifax, Gentleman*. It is chaste and beautiful, and fittingly keeps her memory green. The committee who had the matter in charge included many artists and authors of distinction, and among subscribers to the fund for its erection were people, noted and obscure, all over the reading world.