

lighted face, she secured the friendship of all who could estimate her virtues, and many were the attached and admiring friends who walked in the light of her talents and piety. The poor welcomed her as their ministering angel, for such indeed she was to them in the hour of sickness and want. Many poor ignorant souls were taught by her the way to heaven, and whose last breath was spent in blessing her, as the means of leading them to repose their hopes of eternal happiness in the only saviour of sinners. An attachment, ardent and unabating, had ever existed between Mary Lee and Helen Maitland, who, elegant in mind as in person, was every way worthy to be the bosom friend of her "sister Mary" as she used fondly to call her. From her earliest childhood, Mary had been the inseparable companion of Helen and her brother, and sanctioned by their parents, even in their youthful days, Mary and Charles would promise to love for each other. With Mary did Charles visit the sick and the dying, the poor and the afflicted, and while listening to the instructions which she never failed to impart to the ignorant and unenlightened. While he hung upon the lips which spoke of the mercy, tenderness, and love of the Redeemer he learned to trust in Him and find sweet peace in believing. Their fondest, and dearest hopes were connected with each other, and although Charles was necessarily separated from the home where his heart remained, to continue those studies with greater facilities, which he had commenced under Mr. Lee's tutor, every month brought to Mary some pledge of his affection ; and he returned from time to time, to witness the increasing loveliness of his Mary, and to renew his protestations of unaltered attachment. When his education was completed, his filial regard bid him to take the weighty cares of his father's increasing business upon himself, as this dear parent's constitution was feeble, and his health uniformly delicate. Had he followed the dictates of his inclination, he would have preferred the untried and useful life of a clergyman, which profession his distinguished literary