

Miss de Chauvigny received her education under the watchful eye of her mother, and she made rapid progress in the studies and accomplishments which the custom of the times assigned to ladies. By fragments of her correspondence we see that she was a well-informed person. Endowed with wisdom beyond her years, she sought to please God in all things, and carefully avoided all that could draw upon her the admiration of the world. Virtues so solid, in a lady of Miss de Chauvigny's rank, rendered it obvious to her friends that the Almighty had some particular design over her; while she herself felt such a powerful attraction towards the religious life that she did not even try to conceal it. Her devoted parents, who had fostered in her every other pious inclination, were, however, averse to this, as they plainly foresaw that if they did not