

common sweetness of temper, her premature death filled this place with deep concern. All sighed at the departure of a person so richly gifted with every requisite to make her lovely ; no wonder that her parents severely felt her loss. A model of filial piety, she spoke not of the progress of her disease, lest she should give her parents uneasiness, and suffered without a murmur the most excruciating pain. It was at this period that she displayed that christian patience and fortitude, which resulted from deep reflection, and habitual devotion, and which not only strengthened the gentle qualities of her nature, but enabled her to submit with meek resignation to the divine will. " It has pleased Heaven," says her heart-broken father, " to take from me those who knew me best, and loved me most ; those whom parental affection mellowed into the tenderest friendship had entwined most closely around my heart. I, however, claim no exemption from the calamities of life, and pretend not to murmur at the dispensations of providence ; but the wounds made by this revulsion will bleed. Where can I expect another James and another Hannah on this side the grave, the sources of our most delightful anticipations, the ornament and pride of our house." And again he observes, " young was James in years, but mature in virtue. Since he was capable of reflection, he never gave, by his conduct, a moment's pain to his parents, and the only consolation they can have for his loss, is the hope that  
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