

fondest wishes. Let us, my Mary, now implore his grace, without whose approbation vain will be our hopes".—They knelt, and the deep, tremulous tones of Charles Maitland's manly voice, in all its thrilling fervour, supplicated heaven's richest and choicest blessings upon his Mary; he prayed that He, "who never slumbereth or sleepeth" would ever protect her, and that his guardian love would suffer no evil to come nigh her. With enthusiastic ardour he poured forth his soul, and commended their best interest to Him, who, he was assured, would in infinite wisdom overrule every event for their good, and, in his own time, permit them again to meet. He ceased and for a moment they remained in the same devout posture, as if they would fain continue to indulge such high and holy converse. They arose and the sweet and holy peace displayed in the countenances of each, told that He, "who is ever present to all who call upon him" had lent a listening ear to their supplications, and while they were yet speaking, had vouchsafed the blessing. One more fond embrace and they separated, and not till the last trace of his noble figure was lost in the distance, did Mary turn from the spot where herself and her lover had parted.

The parents of Mary Lee and Charles Maitland had been intimate companions from their earliest youth. Mr. Lee and his friend Maitland had learned their early tasks together, and they had shared, in the same University, the bright laurels of academic glory. Mary's father chose a profession so congenial to his feelings and character, and became a clergyman, and when he settled in the romantic town of L..... Mr. Maitland established himself there in mercantile business. Many years had passed over them in bright and uninterrupted happiness; and in their children were the parents' virtues concentrated. Mary was the only child of her parents, and her excellency, in its full force, was appreciated only by those who knew her best. Of brilliant talents and extraordinary beauty, which was heightened by a smile of benevolence, that ever rested upon that love