

the faith and hope of the expiring Christian; to soothe the passage through the grave; and direct the closing eye to Heaven.

She may also be considered as having borne a part in that sacred instruction, which has been duly delivered from this place; for the whole tenor of her conduct exhibited a very animating illustration of its influence.

In her we beheld those retired and modest virtues, and that amiable and engaging piety, which adorn and exalt the female character—Like the excellent Dorcas, whose praises were thought worthy of a place, in that inspired history, which details the Acts of the Holy Apostles, *she was full of good works.*

But the tribute which affection would offer is superfluous—

To my hearers at large, it is unnecessary—for her merits were so well known and so duly appreciated, that the remembrance of them will be long and affectionately cherished.

Nor is it required by those, who must now mourn for the loss of a dearest relative; for they have an higher and a sweeter consolation, than can be offered by a fellow mortal—

It comes to them from that hallowed voice, which assures them, that *blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord.* They are comforted by the direction of the Apostle, which bids them, *not to sorrow, as men without hope, for them, that sleep in Jesus.*

For her also every tribute we can offer, is entirely needless