

and while employed in his usual avocations, nothing appeared capable of interesting his heart, till a new calamity taught him that he had still duties to perform, and rousing anew his tender affections, seemed to give him new life and energy, and again to awaken in him a wish to live. His eldest daughter was seized with a cruel disorder, which threatened her speedy dissolution; all the tender feelings of the father were again called into action, every exertion was made for her recovery, and for a time with success, but it was only a transient return to health. The remedies given for her recovery, undermined a constitution naturally delicate, and while they cured one disorder, laid the foundation of another still more fatal. He had the misery to behold his amiable and affectionate child put to death by a disorder at once painful and lingering. In her departure were seen, in the strongest light, the peculiar blessings of a peaceful end; but, alas, her parents were overwhelmed by this new and terrible calamity; they were deprived of a diamond that gladdened their hearts, and possessing all those excellencies of beauty and mind which they could desire. Her figure was elegant, her action graceful, the timid modesty of her countenance shewed the ingenuoufness of her soul. Her disposition was so friendly, humane, and gentle, that it was impossible to know, and not to love her. Above all, she had a well grounded assurance of the truth of christianity, which smoothed her path to the grave. Endowed with uncommon