

perceived that her pure soul was under the immediate influence of Heaven, and that her gentle inclinations led her, as if by attraction, to the practice of every virtue. Her purity of heart was remarkable; in her childhood, she not only avoided those actions which in themselves are evil, but likewise, all that could prove inducive to sin, such as self-indulgence, idle diversions, loss of time, etc. The Holy Ghost gave her such a particular zeal for the service of the church that, on Sundays and festivals, all her leisure was spent there. On other days, her spare hours were devoted to the poor who lived on her father's estate; she treated them, not as beings inferior to herself, but as familiar friends, whom circumstances of birth and fortune had less favored. She visited the sick, consoled the afflicted, and esteemed no kind of suffering beneath her notice.