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EXTRACT OF A LETTER GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF THE
LAST MOMENTS OF MRS. H. COOK, OF ST. ARMAND,
CANADA, WHO DIED APRIL 21ST, 1809.

UNDER our present irreparable loss, my dear
M—, may our hearts be truly thankful that
we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but that
our Heavenly Father, while he chastens, affords us
the most important instructions and divine consolations.
When we reflect upon the happy situation
and flattering prospects of our dear departed friend,
and remember that she was (from a state of uncommonly
good health) in two short weeks brought down to the silent
mansions of the dead, may our minds be impressed with a
most serious sense of the vanity and instability of all
earthly prospects, and the importance of laying up treasures
in Heaven, where disappointments are not known, and where
the cruel spoiler, death, has no longer power to disturb
the peace of the righteous. Could any one that witnessed
the heavenly composure, with which our dear friend viewed
the near approach of death, and heard her, while labouring
under its agonies, singing hymns, praising and glorifying
God, for one moment doubt a future state of existence,
in which the righteous shall receive a glorious and eternal
reward, which shall succeed the trials and tribulations they
have experienced, while faithfully serving their
Maker here on earth !

Our excellent friend, for several months before
her death, had appeared to be more particularly under
the influence of the Holy Spirit than ever : her