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It was the reaction of virtuous principles warring against a degrading habit, which had prevailed over his good dispositions, at a time when he was not under the eye of parental restraint. The grief, the agitation of contending passions, and the firm determination never again to deviate from the true path, ^{were} ~~was~~ too much for his physical powers to sustain. The conflict threw him into a decline, life ebbed slowly away, but virtue continued to triumph. It was this victory over temptation, which had been accustomed to prevail, though purchased with his life, that rendered his death so bitter to his affectionate father, his sorrow was the more deep and heartfelt, as it must be concealed from a censorious and unfeeling world. From this severe blow, he might have returned to the world, and while he lamented the loss of a son, who displayed in his last moments a firmness of soul capable of raising his character to the highest rank in human excellence, he had still many children of the fairest promise.

But, alas, his first born was at that very time, slowly sinking under a decline, with little or no hopes of a recovery. I am sure I may, with confidence, appeal to all who knew this amiable young man, whether they ever saw one so universally beloved; the most affectionate of sons, the kindest of brothers, joining to the strictest moral and religious principles, a heart expanding

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