

formed the determination to put a period to the existence of one whom by the laws of nature she was bound to cherish and protect at the very moment that it was ushered into being! and unfortunately for her, this diabolical plan she carried into effect. The body of her new-born infant was found secreted in a neighboring grove. The unfortunate Harriot was suspected, and charged with being the perpetrator of the unnatural deed. On her examination, circumstances appearing against her she was committed for trial. Such was the respectability of her unfortunate prisoner's parents and connection, and such the sensibility cherished by all with whom she had been acquainted, that on the day of her trial the court room was early filled with more than it could conveniently contain. The trial lasted eleven hours, when the judge summed up the evidence with the utmost candour; but so strong were many circumstances against her, that the jury, being fully convinced of the commission of the fact, found her guilty!

During the whole trial, the unhappy prisoner exhibited an uncommon degree of fortitude, and seemed more to lament the misfortunes of her wretched parents and brother, on whom she had brought disgrace, than her own fate. During her confinement in prison, before and after her condemnation, she was visited by many of the clergy and other respectable persons, who were much interested in her behalf in consequence of her former uniform and amiable behaviour. She exhibited many proofs of penitence, and employed almost the whole of her time after her condemnation, in prayer, and in perusing the sacred scriptures. She entreated such of her young female friends who visited her while in prison, to take warning by her fate, and to be ever on their guard against the intrigues and seducing arts of the other sex.

There were very great exertions made by several of the most distinguished characters in the country to obtain a pardon for this unfortunate female; but without success. She had an only brother, whose grief for the wretched fate of his beloved sister, hordered almost on distraction. He, too, was unremitting in his exertions to save her from an ignominious death, and was too, unsuccessful until the very day appointed for her execution--but alas, as if doomed by Heaven to suffer thus ignominiously, he did not arrive in season with the pardon to prevent the execution of the law. The day of her execution arriving, by her request a suitable prayer was made by the Rev. D. White in her apartment and the sacrament