

Mrs. Colville ; the former was the proprietor of an estate sufficiently large to afford all the comforts and conveniences of life, to a mind not enervated by luxury nor seduced by a vitiated taste for the pleasures and follies too often predominant in a tropical climate. The estate was a paternal inheritance which had belonged to the family for many years, and such was Mr. Colville's respectful reverence for his ancestors, that he had determined to form there the establishment for his future life.

After completing his studies in one of the Universities in England he proposed, previous to his return to the West Indies, to make the tour of Europe, in order that he might be able to form a just estimate of the manners and character of those nations he probably should not have an opportunity of seeing again.

In this expedition he was accompanied by a gentleman of his own age, a fellow student, and a person from whose family he had experienced much attention during the period of his residence at college. At the expiration of two years, the young men returned full of adventure and importance to the rectory from whence they had originally started, for I should have told you that the father of young Colville's friend was a clergyman ; his benefice was small, but he was a faithful servant of his Great Master, and had the inexpressible happiness of being the honored instrument of " turning many to righteousness " ;—his family consisted of one son already alluded to, and a daughter who had just entered her eighteenth year in full possession of all the loveliness that beauty and amability can offer.—Her tuition also gave rich promise, for under her father's special care she had approached perfection in many mental and useful accomplishments ; in a word she was admired and beloved in the circle in which she was known—and strangers could not see Julia Danvers without experiencing most delightful emotion.

It is then, no wonder, that young Colville should at his time of life receive from this estimable girl an indelible impression,