

education. Her hopes were brilliant. She obtained a school near home, and gave good satisfaction. At the close of the first term she engaged for the ensuing year. Said she: "Mother, you have toiled hard to assist me to get an education; now, I can help you, and my sister, and brother; I can give Minnie lessons in French, and can assist Herbert in Mathematics, and *perhaps* we can relieve father of his embarrassments, if you are as successful as you have been."

But, alas! how soon were all their earthly hopes blasted! Incessant study and the anxiety for the progress of her scholars brought on disease which terminated suddenly in inflammation of the brain; and the 7th of Sept., 1861, these fond parents were called to part with their dear beloved daughter; and these children, bereft of their dear sister, to whom they had often looked for favors and for counsel.

She had been the sunlight of that family for nearly twenty years, apparently healthy and qualified for usefulness, beloved by all who knew her. How could they give her up! Nothing but the grace of God could sustain them under this afflicting dispensation of providence.

After the solemnities of the funeral were over, how lonely was their home! How could Sabra leave them to finish the sale of her books. The time for the last payment had passed. The publishers had not even reminded her of it. They had always been very kind: but Sabra felt her responsibility; and with her heart