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joy and usefulness, nipping the still folded bud, or the blossom scarcely blown, then it is that the mind shudders at this near view into a hidden futurity; and we are thrown immediately upon the divine mercy for consolation.

The subject of these brief lines was so early removed that the world can scarcely be said to have known her. The hope, the flatter, the novelty, the public admiration, all these were yet to come. She has left us in the early morning of her days, before the burning rays of the sun had destroyed its freshness. Yet, short as has been her career, it has afforded a bundant time to develope a character in every respect commanding our love and esteem. Delicate, conscientious, intellectual, refined, she was every thing that relatives or friends could wish for. The dutiful & affectionate daughter, the tender and attentive sister, the warm and confiding friend, she has left a vacuity in the circle she was wont to adorn, of which time only can diminish the loneliness. She had won the respect and regard of all who knew her. —

Those who had witnessed the strong and rapid operations of her intellect, or the delicacy & correctness of her taste, could only vie with those who praised her for her moral excellence. The highest attribute of her mind was an exalted sense of duty. To those who have suffered <u>such</u> <u>a loss</u> there is no other resource than submission to that necessity, which is the will of the Creator and Disposer of all things.