irresistibly Conclusive – I shall give this Work a Second reading as soon it is returned by Neighbour Miller who has it at present – ~~[illegible] Religion~~, having lately dipt into Gahan's History of the Church of Christ – he wishes to read more on Religion – he is drawing near his end & thinks he can't employ himself better

my Notes are herewith sent ~~under Cover~~, by the last, which is in addition to those heretofore sent you will perceive that I have gone through Thomas a Kempis – the Translation by the late Dr. Challoner, if you will read the Conclusion of the 17th. Chapter I shall be happy to know ~~your~~ the effect it has on your Mind – state it simply & truly – I really want language to describe the Emotions I felt on reading it – repeated readings do ~~[illegible]~~ not in the least blunt its effects – an inexpressible Sadness & Melancholy seized the Mind – a solemn Call from the Shade of your dear & ever to be lamented Mother could scarcely ~~have~~ make a more rooted impression – I never expect to forget it, but Whenever I read ~~[illegible]~~ a Character so surpassing all others invariably my thoughts are turned to your dear Mother, in truth she was a Model for all that is great & good –

When I read the Short & daily Exercise for the suffering Souls in Purgatory, those I mean allotted for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday it is not necessary for me to say to you that I think she represents those Characters

Notes

The 4th. Chapter of Gahan's History of the Church of Christ, contains the most Satisfactory & unanswerable arguments in Support of Christianity –

The 38th. Chap. is a Model of fine Writing & the concluding paragraph Contains reflections, truly edifying and Consoling –

In "the following of Christ" Chap. 23 page 43 – and Chap. 29. page 132. both the Matter & Manner, are very moving & Instructive

In practical Reflections Page 43. the Concluding sentence of the reflections ~~offer~~ for the 6th. January & July – the advice given is strikingly just & proper –

Who can be dead to all feeling as to read the two last sentences of the 17th. Chap. of the 4th. Book "of the following of Christ" without being touched with Sorrow & Compassion? What an Instance of humility in this most excellent Author, to implore the intercession of his Simple readers? – A long life spent in piety & devotion, doe's not sufficiently atone for the Offences of the Saint like Author; our prospects must be comfortless – I was led by the impulse of the