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OF VERMONT,  
IN PRECIOUS MEMORY OF ONE GONE BEFORE,  
**These Papers**  
ARE AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.





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I.

ARLINGTON IN MAY.

ARLINGTON is a lovely spot. Virginia, with all its vaunting, can hardly boast of a fairer domain. From its slopes you look down upon the valley of the Potomac. Beyond the lordly river Washington stretches away to its crowning Capitol. The great dome glitters through the crystal-blue air, and high above it the Goddess of Liberty holds tutelary guard over the newly consecrated land. This is the picture — flecked here and there with breezy fields, and open woods, and softly swelling hills — which we see from Arlington. As we turned into the old Alexandria road, I thought of something that I saw not very long ago : a letter, the last one written by Mary Custis from Arlington, to Robert E. Lee, before she became his wife. The letter of a happy girl to the man beloved