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TO THE MISS WARRENS.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

When your excellent Father suggested to me to engage in some little work which should afford constant and steady employment, as the best means of alleviating the wearisomeness of an increasing and incurable disorder, I hoped to have had the benefit of his advice during its progress. It has pleased God that it should be otherwise, and I have had to mourn the premature loss of the most skilful physician and the kindest friend. Yet I have followed his advice as far as my strength has permitted. One portion of the task he prescribed to me is done; and I offer it to you as a token of my gratitude to him.

Should I live to go on with the second portion of the work, it will, perhaps, be more interesting to you in its nature. This, however, I know you will receive affectionately, when you remember at whose desire it was begun, and think of the regard I have always felt towards yourselves since I have known you.

MARIA CALLCOTT.

June 1st, 1836.

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