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IT is no part of the purpose of this volume to perpetuate the painful recollections of a bereavement already severely deplored. We may leave to the unbelieving world that long bewildered anguish for the departed which receives no consolation from religion. This life is their only life; as its loss is irreparable, their mourning for death may well be without bounds; as they have no hope beyond the grave, time may obliterate, but can never relieve their desolation. But to the Christian there is not only a time to weep, but a measure to tears. To restrain the first impulses of grief for such a loss as we have suffered would be doing violence to our nature; but to cherish these feelings for the sake of that mysterious luxury which despondency affords, would be a denial of the sublimest truths of our religion. graces of character which cause us to regret the