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of coals to the town of Williams-Port, Washington county.

132. An act to incorporate the stockholders of The Carrolls Mining Company of Baltimore.

133. An act altering and changing the name of Andrew Jackson Gryton, to Andrew Jackson Clingan.

134. An act to authorize the commissioners of the town of Havre de Grace to convey certain lands therein mentioned.

135. An act for the benefit of the heirs at law of John Kager Howard.

136. An act to incorporate the members of Christ Church in the city of Baltimore, as a separate congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

137. An additional supplement to the act, entitled, 'An act to incorporate a company to make the several turnpike roads therein mentioned, passed at December session eighteen hundred and fifteen, chapter 190.

138. An act to repeal part of the act therein mentioned.

139. An act to incorporate the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road Company.

140. An act to incorporate Abingdon, in Harford county.

141. An act for the repairing of a bridge over the main falls of Patapsco on the Liberty road in Baltimore county.

142. An act incorporating a company for the improvement of the public road from the city of Frederick to Harper's Ferry.

143. An act to divorce James Poteet and Margaret Poteet of Harford county.

144. An act to authorise the trustees of the Primary School District No. 9, in Queen-Anne's county, to deposit in the Savings Bank of Baltimore the sums due to the representatives of John Deford for a school lot in said district.

145. An act to exempt the wearing apparel of deceased persons from appraisement and exposure to sale by executors and administrators.

146. An act to authorise the levy court of Frederick county to levy a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over the Catoctin creek in said county.

147. An act to incorporate the Catoctin Mining Company.

148. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate sales by public auctions, passed at December session 1827.

149. An act to repeal certain parts of acts therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

150. An act for the relief of Walter Cross of Anne-Arundel county.

151. An act to prevent the assemblage of persons of colour in Prince George's county.

152. A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Frederick county to levy a sum of money to purchase a tract of land and build a house thereon for the use of the paupers, and sell the present poor-house of said county, and for other purposes.

153. An act to authorise a transfer of a part of a lot of ground in the town of Liberty in Frederick county, for the purposes therein mentioned.

154. An act incorporate the trustees of the Maria Marthian Society of Baltimore.

155. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act incorporating the Frederick town Savings Institution, passed at December session 1827, ch. 42.

156. An act for the relief of Robert Johnston and John Malloy of Cecil county.

157. A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of Leah W. Hubbell of Dorchester county, passed at December session 1818, chapter 68.

158. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the gauging of casks and the inspection of domestic distilled liquors in this state, passed at December session 1827, chapter 181.

159. An act to incorporate the Canton Company of Baltimore.

160. An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to regulate elections.

161. An act for the dispatch of business in Baltimore county court.

162. An act to prevent obstructions in Smith's, and other private docks in the city of Baltimore.

163. An act to authorise certain alterations in the court house of Baltimore county.

164. A further additional supplement to an act to regulate the inspection of tobacco.

165. An act to provide for taking testimony in civil cases.

The Speaker, (attended by the other members of the house of delegates, and their clerk,) returned and resumed the chair. When,

On motion by Mr. Wright, of Dorchester,

The house adjourned until to morrow morning nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 13th, 1829.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the reading of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore be required to report to the legislature, at the commencement of its next session, the aggregate of avails of the revenue of this state for each of the last ten years, respectively, designating the amounts received from the several denominations of licenses; from interest and dividends on stocks; from fines and forfeitures; from lotteries; from tobacco inspections, and from direct taxes.

Which was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the bill to provide for the better regulation of the treasury department, and the bill to establish the Peoples' Bank of this State, be severally referred to the early consideration of the next general assembly.

Which being twice read,

On motion by Mr. Ely, the said order was amended, by erasing the word 'early;' and it was then adopted.

On motion by Mr. Hughlett, the house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of Wednesday last, the 11th instant, as regarded the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to regulate the levy courts of the several counties of this state, as then amended on the motion of Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, and also the substitute proposed thereto, by Mr. Teackle. When,

Mr. Hughlett moved, that the further consideration of said bill, so amended, and also the substitute proposed therefor, be referred to the next general assembly of this state.

And the question thereon, being taken, was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, the bill reported by Mr. Buskirk, entitled, An act to provide for electing commissioners for Allegany county, and prescribing their powers and duties, was taken up for consideration. When,

On the motion of Mr. Hughlett, the question was propounded, Shall the further consideration of said bill be referred to the next general assembly of this state? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate returned the bills and resolutions of this house of the following titles:

An act to exempt The Mount Hope Literary and Scientific Institution from taxation, endorsed 'will pass.'

Also, a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate

[illegible] Deposit and Chesapeake Canal Rail Road Company, enforced, 'will pass with the proposed amendments.' Which amendments were read the first and by a special order the second time, and severally assented to.

Also, a resolution in favour of Michael Burnham and Company.

A resolution in favour of the legal representatives of George Price, deceased.

A resolution requiring the treasurer of the western shore to deliver to the state librarian certain books therein mentioned.

A resolution for the suspension of further proceedings upon a judgment obtained by the state against William Scharf and William P. Mills.

A resolution in favour of Nathaniel Burk of the city of Baltimore, who was a soldier of the revolution.

And, a resolution in favour of Robert Rolle of Talbot county, who was an officer in the revolutionary army; severally endorsed, 'assented to.'

Ordered, That the said bills and resolutions respectively, be engrossed.

Also, a resolution respecting the harbour of the city of Annapolis.

A resolution in favour of Catharine Plane of the city of Annapolis, widow of the late Jacob Plane, a soldier of the revolutionary war.

A resolution with its preamble, to provide for the early transmission of the printed copies of the laws and journals of proceedings of the two branches of the legislature, to the several counties of this state.

A resolution in favour of Dennis O'Bryan, a soldier of the revolutionary war.

And, a resolution in favour of Jesse Hoshall of Baltimore county, who was a soldier in the army of the revolution; severally endorsed, 'dissented from.'

Also, a resolution in favour of Thomas Jones of Anne-Arundel county, a soldier of the revolutionary war; endorsed, 'reconsidered and dissented from.'

Also, an act to alter and change the time of holding the county courts in the second judicial district of this state, and for other purposes.

And, an act to prevent the register in chancery, the clerks of the court of appeals, the clerks of the county courts, the clerk of the city court of Baltimore, and the registers of wills, from collecting fees before the services charged for, have been actually performed; severally endorsed, 'will not pass.'

On motion by Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, seconded by two other members, who voted with him in the majority on the question that resulted in the passage yesterday evening of the bill reported by Mr. Shower, entitled, A supplement to the act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state, passed at December session 1825, chapter 162, the house resolved to reconsider its decision of said question.

And, on motion by Mr. Teackle, the said bill was then ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the senate, rejected by this house yesterday evening, entitled, A further supplement to the act to provide for the electing commissioners for Baltimore county, and prescribing their duties, was returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to revive an act passed at December session 1815, chapter 186, it was read the second time; and after some discussion, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? And it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr Stewart of Baltimore city, the house proceeded to consider the bill from the senate, entitled, An act relating to the sheriffs of Baltimore county, reported yesterday evening by the select committee to which it had been referred, with an amendment.

The said amendment was read the second time, by a special order, and concurred in.

And on the second reading of said bill by a special order, as proposed to be amended, it was,

On motion by Mr Ely, proposed by the house to be further amended, as follows, viz.

After the word 'law,' in the 4th line of the first section, insert the following words, 'except during the two county terms of April and November.'

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass, with the proposed amendments?

It was resolved in the affirmative, and the bill was returned to the senate, with the proposed amendments.

Mr. Buskirk submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the executive be directed to give notice, by advertisement for at least three consecutive weeks, before the first day of October next, in two newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, three on the eastern shore, and four on the western shore out of the city of Baltimore, that sealed proposals will be received by them until the last Monday of December next, for the executing of the public printing of this state, and that the said proposals be transmitted to the legislature, to be opened at the commencement of their next session.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Steuart of Baltimore city, chairman of the select committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report:

The select committee to which was referred the annual report of the board of trustees of the University of Maryland to the general assembly, beg leave to report—That your committee have reason to believe the institution is in a flourishing condition, and does honour to the state—that the Infirmary continues to be conducted with the same success which rewarded the indefatigable and benevolent exertions of the first standing committee of the board of trustees which took charge of that valuable establishment.

The munificent bequest of five thousand dollars to the infirmary by George Gray, a most respectable old citizen of Baltimore, who died recently in that city, is worthy of high commendation, and your committee rejoice that the name of this public benefactor may be handed down to posterity in the journals of the house of delegates.

The engagement entered into by the state to pay five thousand dollars annually to the trustees of the University on certain conditions, in consideration of the cession by the trustees to the state of certain lottery grants, ought undoubtedly to be scrupulously complied with; the trustees having complied with the conditions prescribed by the legislature it accordingly gives them an additional claim on the state for the punctual payment of this money, and it is to be hoped the condition of the treasury will be such as to ensure to the University the full benefit of the arrangement above referred to.

The committee do not think it necessary to give any opinion on the propriety of releasing graduates of the University from the necessity of obtaining a license to practice from the medical and chirurgical faculty of this state. A bill for that purpose from the senate was recently rejected in this house.

From the annual account of the treasurer of the University, accompanying said report of the board of trustees, it appears that after paying the expenses of the institution, none of which seem to transcend the bounds of economy, there remained of funds of the institution, on the first of January 1829, more than $15,000. It further appears that said funds are invested in certificates of United States six per cent stock, and in stock of the Bank of the United States.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. Steuart, Chairman.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lee, as chairman of the joint committee thereto mentioned, delivered the following report:

The joint committee to which was referred the several resolutions to authorise the sale of the [illegible] stock, and a loan to aid in meeting the ordinary expenses of the state, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to make the following report:

Your committee fully impressed with the imperative duty of the legislature to provide ample means to maintain the credit of the state, and deeming it now too late to devise any fiscal measure that may be likely to receive the sanction of both branches, recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution, to authorise the treasurer to borrow the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, for the service of the current year. Which sum of money, in addition to the revenue likely to arise from certain and probable sources, your committee consider as fully adequate to all the probable demands that will be made upon the treasury during the fiscal year of 1829.

Your committee deem it inexpedient to legislate upon the subject of the sale of the internal improvement stocks.

Archibald Lee, Chairman.

By order,

D. Ridgely, Clk.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and he is hereby authorised to borrow in the name and for the use of the state, and for the service of the current year, a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole twenty-five thousand dollars, at an annual interest of five per cent. payable quarterly, on such terms as he may deem most advantageous for the state; for the repayment of which sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and interest, the faith of the state is hereby pledged.

The said report was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Done being in the chair,

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the house of delegates, that the thanks of the house be presented to the Honourable John G. Chapman, the Speaker thereof, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair, during the present session.

Which was twice read, and unanimously adopted.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the resolution submitted by him yesterday, providing for the payment to the members and officers of the respective branches of the legislature, the sums of money that may be certified by the chairman of the committee on claims as due to them, respectively, from the period of closing the journal of accounts up to Monday the 16th instant, inclusive, was taken up for consideration, by a special order obtained for the purpose, conformably to the 38th rule of the house, read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, the house proceeded to consider the bill from the senate, entitled, An additional supplement to the act for the better regulation of chancery proceedings, in certain cases, reported, on the 10th instant, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to which it had been referred, without amendment.

It was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, the house proceeded to consider the bill from the senate, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs, and for other purposes, reported yesterday, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to which it had been referred, without amendment.

The said bill was read the second time, passed and returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, the house proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted by him from the committee on claims, on Monday last the 9th instant, providing for the payment of the amount of money expended by the chief clerk of this house; under its order, in providing newspapers for the members thereof, and it was read the second time. When,

Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, offered as a substitute for the said resolution, the following:

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Gideon Pearce, chief clerk of the house of delegates, and Louis Gassaway, chief clerk of the senate, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the amount that may be expended by them, under the orders of the respective houses, to provide newspapers for the members thereof; Provided, that the amount, so expended, does not exceed two dollars and fifty cents for any one attending member of the two branches of the legislature. Which was twice read. When,

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, proposed as a substitute for both the original resolution and the substitute therefor, offered by Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, the following:

Resolved, That each member of the house of delegates, pay the amount of charges for his respective newspapers, ordered through the clerk of this house, and also the charges of postage for the same.

Which was also twice read, and after considerable discussion,

The question thereon was taken, and decided in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Grason, the substitute offered by Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, was then amended, by erasing therefrom the proviso.

The question was then put, Will the house adopt the said substitute as amended? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

The substitute resolution, so amended, being assented to, was then sent to the senate for concurrence.

Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel then submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the number of newspapers received by each member of this house, at the expense of the state, be entered upon the journal of proceedings, with the price of the same.

Which was twice read. When,

Mr. Done proposed to amend the same, by appending thereto the following words:

'And also the clerk shall enter on the journal at the request of any member, what newspapers he has ordered at his own expense, for the purpose of gaining information on the public concerns.

'And also the amount of postage which each member has paid out of his own pocket for letters addressed to him on public business, and which has not been repaid by the legislature.'

And Mr. Ely moved to amend the proposed amendment, by adding at the end thereof, the following words:

'And it is further Ordered, That under the construction generally given to the order of this house authorising the clerk to obtain newspapers for the use of the members, each member has the right to order seven papers per week, which would amount to ten dollars.'

After some discussion,

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PRESENT,

Joseph Sellers, } Esquires,
George Thomas, }
Thomas W. Morgan, Sheriff.
Enoch J. Millard, Register.

Among other proceedings were the following, viz.

On application of John A. Clarke and wife, administrators of Calista Underwood, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, it is ordered by the court, that the said administrators give the notice required by law for the creditors to exhibit their claims against the estate of the said deceased, and that the same be published once a week for four weeks in one of the newspapers published in the city of Annapolis.

In testimony, that the aforegoing is a true copy taken from one of the records of the proceedings of the Orphans Court for St. Mary's county, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal (SEAL) of the said court, this 26th day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-nine.

E. J. Millard, Register.

This is to give Notice,

That the subscribers, of Saint Mary's county, have obtained from the Orphans court of said county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Calista Underwood, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at or before the 7th day of February next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this 26th day of February 1829.

John A. Clarke and wife,
Administratrix.

March 5.

NOTICE.

The Commissioners of Anne-Arundel county, will meet at the court house in the city of Annapolis, on the last Monday in March, being the 30th day of the said Month, for the purpose of ascertaining and levying the expenses of the county for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

March 5.

3 Negro Women For Sale.

Persons wishing to purchase property of the above description can be accommodated on reasonable terms. For particulars apply at this office.

March 12.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND

At an Orphans Court held for St. Mary's county, at the court house in Leonardtown, on the 19th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

PRESENT,

Luke W. Barber, } Esquires.
George Thomas, }
Thomas W. Morgan, Sheriff.
Enoch J. Millard, Register.

Among other proceedings were the following, viz

On application of Henry G. Gardner, administrator of Ignatius Edwards, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, it is ordered by the court, that the said administrator give the notice required by law for the creditors to exhibit their claims against the estate of the said deceased; and that the same be published once a week for four weeks in one of the newspapers published in the city of Annapolis.

In testimony, that the aforegoing is a true copy taken from one of the records of the proceedings of the Orphans Court for St. Mary's county, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of the said court, this 19th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1829.

E. J. Millard, Register.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

That the subscriber hath obtained from the Orphans Court of St. Mary's county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Ignatius Edwards, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the 12th day of March 1829, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 12th day of March, 1829.

Henry G. Gardner, Adm'r.
of Ignatius Edwards.

March 26.

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MORNING.

By R. Montgomery.

The sun is seated on the occum throne
Encircled with his court of clouds. Around,
Pillows of damask and of orange light,
Evolving roll, as from a cauldron heav'd;
While, from the midst, red bars of splendour shoot,
And travel fiercely to the midway skies;
There cower'd a while, they swell to wizard shapes,
Advance, and, like battalions in array,
Mingle their hues, & make a shining plain
Of crimson on the skies.

Beneath the waves,
Shiv'ring and gleamy, lie, like ruffled scales
Of liquid steel; and lo! awaking now
With the white dews of slumber on her breast,
The Earth! all fragrant, fresh in living green,
And beautiful, as if this moment spring
From out her Maker's hand. Athwart the trees
A brassy lustre shines, where matin beads
Like drops of light, have diamonded the boughs;
And here and there, some crisp'd and glossy stream,
Lit by a peeping ray, laughs through the leaves.

The flowers are waking too, and ope their eyes
To greet the prying sun, while meads and dales
With hoary incense stream; and list!
The buzz of life! Myriads of insects now
Creep from their green wood caves and mossy domes,
And wind their way, to glitter in the sun;
While from yon hurdled hills the sheep bells shake
Their tinkling echoes down the bushy dale.

And is creation's heir in sleepy calm
Unmindful of the morn? Ah! no; its beam
Hath glanced upon the cottager's clean couch,
And call'd him up. And see! the lattice oped,
He spies along the landscape's glitt'ring view,
And looks to heaven, and feels the toying breeze
Ripheave his locks; & then angelic thoughts
Gush through his souls instinctively he owns
The presence of a God and sends his heart
To him, upon a sigh of artless love
And praise, because another day is born.

EVENING.

Another day is added to the mass
Of buried ages. Lo! the beauteous moon,
Like a fair shepherdess, now comes abroad,
With her full flock of stars, that roam around
The azure meeds of heaven. And, oh! how charm'd
Beneath her loveliness, creation looks;
Far gleaming hill, & light-inweaving streams,
And sleeping boughs with dewy lustre clothed,
And green hair'd valleys, all in glory dressed,
Make up the pageantries of Night. One glance
Upon old Ocean, where the woven beams
Have brakled her dark waves. Their roar is hush'd!
Her billowy wings are folded up to rest;
Till once again the wizard winds shall yell,
And tear them into strife.

A lone owl's hoot—
The waterfall's faint drip—or insect stir
Among the emerald leaves—or infant wind
Sighing the pearly lips of sleeping flowers—
None disturb the stillness of the scene.

Spirit of All! raise up yon star-hung deep
Fair the eye and heart together mount,
Man's immortality within him stirs,
And thou art all around! Thy beauty walks
Fairy music o'er the midnight heavens;
Thy glory's shadow'd on the slumb'ring world.

From the Remember Me, for 1829.

THE LOST CHILD.

"The child is lost!" was the fearful and heart-stilling rumour, that coursed like fire throughout one of those settlements which occasionally skirt the [illegible]ance in our American forests. A [illegible] like this, was enough to thrust the [illegible]rm blood back to the heart with the [illegible]ll of horror; to arrest the throb of [illegible], even in its gayest humours; and to [illegible]d the busy imagination forth with [illegible] little wanderer in the deep solitude [illegible] the forests, where it pictured, seeking [illegible]vain to discover some opening, while [illegible] wiped away the tears that were [illegible]ring over his young face like rain[illegible]ding himself, in an attitude to listen, [illegible] his startled fancy brought back the [illegible]wl of some hideous inhabitant of [illegible] dark places; them, running on[illegible]d, would either fall a prey to the [illegible] fate he was endeavouring to flee [illegible] after threading the [illegible] lit [illegible], till fatigue overcoming his [illegible] [illegible] down, despair [illegible] [illegible] the sons of the forest yell [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a compass, than to ascertain their pathway. In those deep wilds, where the light of the sun is almost excluded, and no foot print guides to human habitations.

In the present instance men crowded together, scarcely daring to whisper to their own souls that the sweet child of Agnes Wade was lost. He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow!! Can there be a more pathetic appeal to the sensibilities of human nature? Can there be a picture of more utter desolation, than the heart of the bereaved one under such circumstances? Agnes Wade was the idol of the settlement. She had been in it but a few fleeting months; yet they had been time enough for her memory and her interests to find a resting place in every bosom. She had come there to reside with the parents of her lost husband. They were in humble life; but it needed only to look at Agnes, to know that she had been educated in refinement, if not in elegance. And she had borne the change of circumstances with so much sweet and pious resignation; she was so gentle, so condescending, so benevolent, that it was impossible to be with her, and not to love her. She always had a word of encouragement for the timid, she always whispered consolation to the [illegible]wful; that consolation which cometh only from above. With irresistible persuasion she endeavoured to reclaim the vicious, and lead the contrite spirit to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.'

Agnes Wade was young. She had married the husband of her affections, one to whom her fond vows of constancy had been yielded almost in childhood. His parents had laboured hard to give him an education; and it was during his college years that he saw and loved the delicate and attractive Agnes. Their hearts, as it were, melted into one. The opinions and feelings of William Wade were reflected in the mind and soul of his sweet betrothed one, and when they wedded, it was only to make the blending of interests and emotions more closely intimate. But happiness so perfect cannot abide long in a world which has been blasted by the frown of its Creator.—Dreams that are so delightful, must have a sudden, if not a fearful waking. Two years had passed since Agnes had felt all the desolation and all the misery, which is comprised in that one word—widow. She had known sorrow before in the loss of her youngest born, but it was as the few drops which precede the torrent. She committed its body to the dust in the sure hope that its spirit was even at that moment mingling in kindred holiness and happiness with the blessed in heaven; that it was a bright angel around the throne of God; and it was a thought full of beauty, and full of consolation, that she had been the honoured instrument of adding one to those pure spirits who dwell in the blissful presence of their Redeemer. But when the grave closed over him, who had been her guardian, her counsellor, her support, who had shared her joys, and soothed her sorrows, who had been her companion in health, and pillowed her head in sickness, she felt as if shut out from the loveliness of life forever, and she would willingly have laid her throbbing temples and despairing heart on the cold earth beside him, never more to rise. Agnes however was a Christian. And though death when it comes among us robbing us of our dearest and our loveliest, seems to palsy the heart of the survivors with the same chills that he fastens on his victims, the Lord of life will not suffer our enemy to triumph. He pours into the stricken soul the emphatic consolations of His gospel. He comes with his purifying, vivifying influences. He tells of a brighter world, where beings thus sundered, shall meet again to part no more forever. It is in seasons of the most withering affliction, when earth is robbed of its attraction by one mortal stroke, that Heaven seems to open to us. The soul looks towards it with the longings of a child towards its home—On what a home of rest to the bereaved one!—And words cannot express, the heart of the Christian mourner only can feel, how peculiarly and tenderly God manifests himself a Father even in the midst of his severest chastenings. The storm is no sooner past, than the bow of forgiveness and consolation is radiant in the heavens. When the judgment is accomplished, as if grieved at its necessity, God says to the believer, 'Come now and I will heal your sorrows!'

The tender and trusting nature of Agnes, yielded at once to the sweet soothings of Almighty love. Two of her precious family, she trusted, were safely moored in the haven of eternal happiness; and she now resolved to train up her remaining little one, to meet them, by Divine grace, in a better world. 'We shall go to them,' she would say, 'but they will not return to us.' She spent hours in descanting