

Consolations of religion to the poor. — Recital.

" There is a mourner, and her heart is broken;  
" She is a widow; she is old and poor;  
Her only hope is in that sacred token  
Of peaceful happiness, when life is ~~over~~  
She asks not wealth nor pleasure, begs no more  
Thou heaven's delightful volume, and the sight  
Of her redeemer. — Scepters, would you pour  
Your blasting vials on her head, and blight  
Sparrows' sweet rose, that blooms and charms her long night  
She lives in her affection; for the grave  
Has closed upon her husband's children's all  
Her hopes are with the arm she trusts will save  
Her treasured jewels; though her sees are small,  
Though she has never mounted high, to fall  
And writhe in her debasement, yet the spring  
Of her weak, ~~and~~ tender, feeling, cannot fall  
Her unpurged palate, but will bring  
To joy without regret, a bliss that has no sting.

Friend's Letter

You wish me to give you a little  
advice before our separation but it is with the  
utmost diffidence I take this poor pen to comply  
with the request for I have had more  
experience in the world than myself in some  
branches and in these, branches I shall  
endeavour to give you some hints first of all  
my friend if you ever attend school again  
be very careful in selecting your most intima-  
te companion for a great deal depends  
on this one thing for it is known unto all  
the persons character depends on the company  
he frequents in the choice of this friend  
first let her be of a good disposition let her  
face wear the smile of content and her manners  
be much gentle and obliging and last  
of all if you value your own character  
let your choice be confined to one who  
can keep her a smooth face when misfortune  
and not laugh at just nothing at all  
and now my dear Caroline thinks if you

had this advice when you first left to B  
It would be useful in helping you to a friend.  
But the picture that had now is of your taste  
in selecting a friend is quite deficient perhaps.  
I could give you in shorter terms by saying  
the very reverse from the one you now have  
had calculated to make you quite happy

Permit me to subscribe myself  
Your friend Miss Cornwall  
Maria P. H.