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interests of that denomination were rather promoted than injured by the fate of the petition.

TO THE REV. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D. D.

Richmond, March 16, 1816.

MY DEAR SIR,

A friend has just called on me on his way to New York, by whom I send this, and with it a hastily written, badly printed pamphlet, which I have thought it my duty to write. Will you accept of it as a token of my affectionate regard. Our petition had no effect. The prejudices against us are strong, and many measures are adopted to increase them.

We had the affliction to lose our highly esteemed friend Mrs. Randolph last Sabbath. She died in my house. I have no wish, in reference to my last end, but that it may be like hers.*

Mrs. Rice desires to be affectionately remembered to Mrs. A. as does yours, most sincerely.

J. H. RICE.

* Shortly after receiving the intelligence of her son's death, she had embraced the oft-repeated and now earnestly renewed invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rice, and come down to Richmond to spend her remaining days with them. These, however, were fated to be few; for she was soon taken sick, and, after a painful illness, which she bore with exemplary patience, she died on the 10th of March, 1816. Her life had been a tissue of sorrows; but her end was peace. Her last words were: "*Christ is my only hope.*"

There is one circumstance connected with the death of this lady, which we have been told, and which we think we ought not to withhold from our readers. Finding, it seems, that her end was approaching, and thinking it proper to make her will, she felt very desirous to leave her best friend a handsome legacy, as a last token of her regard for him. Apprehending, however, with that delicacy which belonged to her, that such an act might possibly expose him to some unworthy imputation of mercenary views, and prizing his honour above every other consideration, she resolved to suppress her inclination, and leave him nothing. Still she could not feel satisfied to do so, without having the