

*Case of William Crowder.*—We recommend to the special attention and perusal of our readers, the remarks of Judge Clayton in passing sentence of death on this unhappy criminal, which appear in this paper, accompanying a summary of the evidence given on the trial. The case is one of uncommon occurrence, and calculated to excite in every bosom feelings of horror at the enormity of the act committed, mingled with pity for the blind infatuation which induced it. The prisoner appears to have been driven by his misfortunes and his love, into a mental alienation, in which state he committed his deeds of blood. Revolting as are the impressions which this act stamps upon our hearts, and fiendish as must be the motive that prompted to its commission, there are still some extenuating circumstances connected with the case, that are not often met with in developments of murderous transactions. The remarks of Judge Clayton were eloquent, feeling and appropriate. They exhibited to the prisoner the true nature of his crime—plain, but free from useless reproach, and tending (we hope effectually) to call his attention to view it also in its true light, so that the foulness of his sin should be so deeply impressed on his mind, that he would quickly fly to the only tribunal where he can hope for forgiveness. We hope they will be read, if for no other reason than the influence they may exercise on the minds of those who are invested with the care of children. They show the vast importance of judicious instruction in early years, and paint in vivid colors, the disappointment, and chagrin, and wretchedness, and crime, that must almost inevitably follow when this task is performed with a careless or injudicious hand.