

they learn nothing but lying, swearing and other bad practices. Here perhaps they choose companions who are both mischievous and immoral, and never knew what it was to be taught better. If the old saying be true that one rotten sheep corrupts a whole flock—what a speedy havoc must there be where there are as many rotten sheep as sound ones!

Parents would do well to keep their children, as much as possible from playing about the streets, where they seldom form any connexion but what does them more hurt than good. Loose, illiterate companions marr more than is generally supposed. By continually mixing with bad company, men as well as boys will find their ideas contracted, their judgments (about things of an interesting nature) will be found to