

working out a plan of ways and means of inculcating such creed into the mind of the being she was about to bring into the world, so as to make a good man or woman. She determined, before going to sleep that night, to eradicate from her own life and thoughts, even in as far as human nature is capable, all the gross and to cherish exceedingly all the good, honorable and non-sensual, so as to be worthily and naturally the mother of good and inferentially of religious children. Her children would have the advantage of having a good father (she thought him superior in principle and sentiment to herself), but she understood that that was not sufficient. She could influence them before and after birth in mind and body as he could not, therefore all her energies must be bent on producing the best results. Her watchfulness over herself must be constant. She had surrounded herself exteriorly with as much of the beautiful as it was in her power to procure; she must make her heart and mind as pure and refined as her knowledge and understanding permitted. This was not the beginning of this determination on her part. She had dwelt more or less on the same ideas ever since the day she had chosen the best pictures for the rooms she frequented the most, and had inwardly striven towards the same end.

The lonesome fall weather was so much filled