

seen soon enough to be checked, they would become acquainted with the many nameless rules and ties of society, and would be, both in experience and in protectors, much better fitted for farther advances in life, than they possibly could be if retained three or four years longer, insulated from that school—the world—where all must learn, who have to buffet with it. Strong mutual attachment is frequently visible between young girls put out in this way, and those who take them in charge; they might still be under the surveillance of the Orphan House committee, and necessary interpositions might be made. With boys, as we before said, less care and less tenderness need be observed; but it were poor charity to rear a tender plant to maturity in a hot house, and then expose it unpropped, unprovided against the storms of the season. Boys are hardy shrubs; taken from their nursery they soon accommodate themselves to the strange soil, they struggle against the weeds, they are in no danger of parasite plants, and the roaring of the worst storm can seldom annihilate their native elasticity: but girls are much, much more delicate; the soil must be fitted to their peculiarities, weeds may easily destroy their proper nutriment, parasites insidious and baneful as the serpent may assail them, and the storm may pass by, leaving them prostrate, soiled and broken, never to be restored as ornaments of the garden. These thoughts—perhaps of no weight—are ventured on a benevolent design, which we hope soon to see heartily carried into operation.

[We have occupied more space in noticing a few of the Bills of the Session than we intended; and must postpone some observations on the Committee of Supply, and on other matters, to next number.]

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**LITERARY NOTICE.**—Our advertizing list contains a Prospectus of a new work by A. Shields. We hail with pleasure such indications of literary spirit and industry; particularly when the author's name, gives assurance of the requisite ability.

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