

by her patient suffering, gentle endurance, radiant cheerfulness and joy, is both illustrating and teaching the spirit of religion far more powerfully than if engaged in active duties. And if any who may read this page, have ever been despondent in the hour of physical weakness and prostration, and been tortured with the thought of the uselessness of their lives, let them take courage and be cheered by those incidents in the life of this Christian woman, which teach that beauty of character, and spiritual elevation may gleam forth from the chamber of disease. For six years Mrs. Ware felt a distressing and fatal malady was consuming her life ; yet she could say, "It has been a beautiful experience ; I have been so happy, no one can tell how happy." Thus do trials "draw towards great souls, as thunder-storms to mountains ; but the storms also break upon them, and they become the clearing point in the skies for the plains beneath them."

Another feature in the character of Mrs. Ware should be noticed. While she was always filled with plans of general usefulness, and always had some object of benevolence in mind, she never neglected her immediate family duties. Few of her cotemporaries had more constant calls in the home circle, and were so faithful to them ; while, at the same time, few who lived in affluence and freedom from domestic cares, did as much in the way of active and general benevolence. And what an example is here presented to the more favored in these respects ! If this devoted woman, ever faithful in the training of a numerous family, watching over each with a tender maternal solicitude, could send forth her sympathies and throw the strength of her arm into the general objects of charity, what may not those do who have both the