

The death of the father while most of the children were quite young, devolved on the mother the duty of attending to their education for several years, and most faithfully did she discharge it. An extract from a sermon on the subject of education, delivered before the Lexington Presbytery by a member of that body, in which allusion is made to her, may be introduced here as illustrating this point.

“I was once acquainted with an eminently pious mother, who was left a widow with a family of ten children, the oldest only nineteen years of age. Soon after her husband's death, she had the pleasure of seeing some of the oldest unite themselves with the church of Christ. Her own health soon failed, and it became evident that she had almost finished her course on earth. No one discovered this sooner than she did herself. For at least a year previous to her death she often conversed freely with her friends on the subject. She was calm and composed. Death had no terror to her. She knew that if her earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, she