

recollections we owe and feel to our parents. How long that submission which includes obedience, labour and acquiescence shall continue, must be determined by the law of God or the consent of the parties. In almost every nation the decision has been dissimilar ; but it now seems to be a settled principle, that until twenty one years of age, young persons shall not be considered as independent agents. This opinion should however vary, according to the relative maturity of youth. From the human constitution, a female at eighteen is equally qualified for maternal and domestic duties, as a man at twenty one for worldly avocations, and his temporal provision. If the connubial relation be founded upon love, and cannot justifiably be destroyed ; parents are culpable who endeavour to force their children into connections to which they object ; or who obstruct an union with the desire of the heart. This conduct has often been attended with the most pernicious effects ; and hurried youth into vices of which they otherwise might ever have been ignorant.

Respect, attention and a conformity to parental decisions, in all cases which affect