

Oppose not her inclination without cause: she is the partner of thy cares, make her also the companion of thy pleasures.

Reprove her faults with gentleness, exact not her obedience with rigour.

Trust thy secrets in her breast; her counsels are sincere, thou shalt not be deceived.

Be faithful to her bed, for she is the mother of thy children.

When pain and sickness assault her, let thy tenderness soothe her affliction; a look from thee, of pity and love, shall alleviate her grief or mitigate her pain, and be of more avail than ten physicians.

Consider the tenderness of her sex, the delicacy of her frame, and be not severe to her weakness, but remember thine own imperfections.

CHAP. II.—FATHER.

Consider thou who art a parent the importance of thy trust: the being thou hast produced, it is thy duty to support.

Upon thee also it dependeth, whether the child of thy bosom shall be a blessing or a curse to thyself, a useful or a worthless member to the community.

Prepare him early with instruction, and season his mind with the maxims of truth:

Watch the bent of his inclination, set him right in his youth, and let no evil habit gain strength with his years.

So shall he rise like a cedar on the mountains; his head shall be seen above the trees of the forest.