

that I can trust him to provide for them." Several years after the date of this conversation, he had serious thoughts of removing westward to the region bordering on the Mississippi, and visited that section of country. After his return, in assigning the reasons that determined his mind not to remove there, he said that he was not willing to bring up his family in the state of morals which existed in that region, and run the risk to which his children would be exposed. These incidents indicate distinctly what his views were. The views of the mother and father perfectly coincided. To the oldest son she once said, when urging on him the claims of God for the affections of his heart, and the service of his life, "Ever since we have had any children, your father and I have often kneeled by your bed when you were asleep, and solemnly dedicated you to God and his service." This feeling thus expressed by both parents, was carried out in their whole course of action toward their children, and for them; and there can be no doubt that much of the future result is to be attributed to this.