

precipitated himself into the habit of dissipation, till he has become deaf to all good advice, proof against admonition, entreaty and persuasion and is now among the splendid ruins of human nature. Let these instances warn you of your danger, and persuade you to devote some part of that time, which is spent in pursuit of any pleasures, to reflection and consideration.

‘Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go, keep her, for she is thy life’—was the counsel of a wise and tender parent to his son. Were parents in general as anxious to impress the tender minds of their children with a reverential sense of the name and attributes of the Deity, and a desire of pleasing him by a virtuous life, as they are to procure for them honor and riches, it would have a pleasing influence upon the rising generation. To see all from a sense of their obligation to their common parent, cheerful and active in his service, while each one in the particular station which providence allots him, strives to render others happy in society, must afford a beautiful prospect. Who ever considers the nature and capacities of the human mind, and the great variety of means our beneficent Creator has given us to obtain the knowledge of his will, must be sensible that no one can be truly happy without religion.

Oh! my dear young friends, if you withstand the many calls and warnings that you have from day to day, and turn a deaf ear to the entreaties of your friends and the wooings of your Saviour, miserable must be your condition throughout eternal ages—Seek the religion of Jesus Christ, and you will be prepared for life, you will be prepared for death, and a glorious immortality beyond the grave. Remember that we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, to give an account of the things done in the body, whether they be good or bad—of all our secret thoughts known only to ourselves. of all our secret