

pected from my students!" We drop into his study and find that there the youths have access, and come with filial confidence to state a difficulty, and ask advice. The family meal is improved and enlivened by his intelligent conversation, and his searching yet considerate questions. Like the surgeon, who, not content with the theoretical instructions of the lecture-room, takes his pupils to walk the hospital, so he invites his ministerial students to accompany him to the houses of his people, when he visits the sick or performs a private baptism. He brings them acquainted with the poor of his flock, that they may learn how to address those of a lowly condition—ever cautioning them not to despise the common people, nor think condescension unworthy of a scholar. On a Sunday night, when, if at any time, a Christian heart should be more than usually tender, he takes them separately into his study, converses with them concerning the state of religion in their soul, and gives them suitable counsel and encouragement. Though by no means a strict disciplinarian at home—indeed a little at fault in this respect—yet it is his custom when some grave offender has been detected, solemnly to arraign him at family worship, and publicly pronounce the sentence of expulsion. Lamentations steeped in tears form that day's diary. But over others how joyous are the boundings of his heart! He has just been to hear a promising young pupil. Here is the record:—"This day Mr.—preached one of the best sermons I ever heard, concerning the happiness of the children of God. I had preached one on the subject some time before, but when I considered how much superior his was to mine, it shamed and humbled me; yet I bless God it did not grieve me. If any stirrings of envy moved, they were immediately suppressed; and as soon as I came home I solemnly returned my acknowledgments to God, for having raised up such a minister to his church, and honoured me with his education. I recommended him to the Divine blessing with the tenderest affection, leaving myself in the hand of God; acquiescing in the thought of being eclipsed, of being neglected if he shall so appoint; at the same time, adoring him, that, with capacities inferior to a multitude of others, I have been providentially led into services superior to many of those in comparison with whom my knowledge and learning is but that of a child." And now another who has gone through his whole curriculum with honour, is to leave the institution for some pastoral charge, and on the occasion a religious service is held; the elders take part in the exercise, and brethren from the neighbourhood are invited to share in the tutor's satisfaction. And yet another—having for a year or two tasted the anxieties of the ministerial life, and panting for the sympathy and counsel of the wise—wends his way to Northampton, and calls at Sheep-street, and there a greeting of no common sort awaits him; Doddridge's house is to him as a father's house, and the young visitor timid and modest, feels himself at home.

Well might Job Orton say: "After this account of his behaviour to his pupils and concern for their usefulness and happiness, the reader who knows anything of human nature, and the attractive influence of love, will not wonder to be told that they in general loved him as a father, and that his paternal advices and entreaties weighed more with them than the commands of rigid authority or the arguments of a cooler mind, when the affection of the heart was not felt or not tenderly expressed."

Doddridge's pupils, on the average, were in number thirty-four; he sustained his office for two-and-twenty years, and about two hundred young men passed under his academic care, among whom were one hundred and twenty ministers. Some were preparing to serve in the church of Scotland, and one young man who was intended for the English establishment, sought the benefit of a year or two's tuition from the nonconforming professor.

Looking at the doctor's herculean efforts throughout one of his academic sessions—the occupations of pastor, author, and tutor being combined—we cannot doubt, that welcome indeed must have been the summer recess, allowing him some change of scene, and some little slips of recreation. As we read his life and letters, and