

four sons, who all became ministers of the Gospel, and who received their education under his tuition, as did many other persons who afterwards became eminent in the Christian ministry.

WILLIAM, the second son, was about thirteen years of age when the family arrived in America. He applied himself with diligence to his studies, and made great progress, particularly in Latin. Being early affected by a sense of the importance of religion, he determined to devote himself to the service of God in the ministry of the Gospel. His eldest brother became Pastor of the Church at New Brunswick, in New Jersey, and was a very useful and popular preacher. WILLIAM, having completed his course in the languages, determined to study divinity under his brother.

At his departure from home, which was considered as his setting out in life, his father addressed him with great affection, commending him to the favor and protection of God, from whom he himself had received so much mercy. He gave him a small sum of money, as the amount of all he could do for him, telling him that if he behaved well and did his duty, this was an ample provision for him; and if he should act otherwise, and prove ungrateful to a kind and gracious God, it was too much and more than he deserved.

After a regular course of study in theology, Mr. Tennent was preparing for his examination by the Presbytery, as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. His intense application affected his health and brought on a pain in his breast and a slight hectic. He soon became emaciated, and at length was like a living skeleton. His life was now in danger. He was attended by a young man, a physician who was attached to him by the strictest and warmest friendship. He grew worse and worse, till little hope of life was left. In this situation his spirits failed him and he began to entertain doubts of his final happiness. One morning he was conversing with his brother in Latin on the state of his soul, when he fainted, and apparently died. After