

Freshman a cousin of Benjamin, what would be the advantage thereof? The plumes and adornments of a former generation can be of little value to descendants, unless they imitate and possess the attributes of character which rendered their forefathers distinguished. In future years, and with more spiritual-mindedness, both of them would have said with Cowper,—

“My boast is not that I deduce my birth
From loins enthron'd and rulers of the earth;
But higher far my proud pretensions rise,—
The son of parents passed into the skies.”

His early education was in harmony with the Jewish Ritual; but his first religious impressions were received from his mother. This was the happiness of Doddridge, of Wesley, and many others,—“My mother!” And her instructions were such as to engrave upon the mind the great principles of love, and obedience to the Divine Law. For this purpose there was fixed upon the borders of his garment “a fringe and a ribbon of blue.” This was in the form of remembrance, and to be placed amongst a class of objects to assist the memory, of which the Holy Scriptures furnish many illustrations.

The Doctor says he distinctly remembered the festival of “Savah,” observed when he was four years of age, on account of his reading the first chapter of the Old Testament in the Hebrew language. With his training what to love and imitate, there was also blended what to despise and avoid. He was taught to believe that Jesus, whom the Jews called “the Talo,” the man who was hanged, was put to death because he made himself a God; and therefore, belonging to the people of God's own calling, he was instructed to look upon the Gentiles as idolaters, and unworthy to share in the glories of the kingdom of heaven.

Singular events are often identified with personal history. Vanderkemp, so useful as a missionary in Southern Africa, was rescued from a watery grave, though witnessing the death of two lovely daughters by a sudden squall which struck his pleasure-boat. Up to this time he was an infidel; but in his distress he sought and found favour with God. Fletcher was to all appearances dead, yet was marvellously brought to life after