

his new abode, Ledyard's theatre. A rude calico was brought and here, with the *tragedies* were But, as they served dull course of life, es to the neglect of college.

n at Hanover four-ly he disappeared. be contented. Al- e had fled, it after- forth into the forest; d his course towards wanderings, he vis- guage he so far ac- purpose, in his trav- rent savage tribes, in and a half, Ledyard ver, and resumed his no longer existed.

He had seen the Indians, and perhaps was impressed with the difficulty of imparting religious instruction to them; at least, the conviction seems to have settled upon his mind that he was not fitted for such an undertaking.

14. Ledyard judged correctly. He *was* unfitted by nature for a life of missionary toil and self-denial. He knew too little of the gospel, and was too unsteady in his views and purposes. Success would never have crowned his labors, and he wisely relinquished the project.

15. He now became weary also with the confinement of a college life. He studied little, and paid still less attention to the salutary rules of the institution. This neglect brought upon him the just censure of the president. The admonitions he received he took unkindly, and now meditated an escape.

16. Accordingly, he laid his plan; and, without exciting the suspicions even of his fellow-students, he prepared to put it in execution. The college was situated on the margin of the Connecticut River, lining the banks of which were several towering forest-trees. One of these Ledyard felled, and from it constructed a canoe