

on the conduct of others. If you value your own peace of mind, overcome this querrulous and discontented disposition; or you will make every man your enemy, and not enjoy the benefit of a single friend."

"Excepting Mr. Irvin, our excellent vicar," returned his son, "I know no one here deserving that name: and the ill-will of people I despise, never affects me; nay, I consider it a positive compliment to myself to be the object of their aversion."

"Pride, self-love, and vanity, dictated that speech," continued Mr. Stanhope: "you are my only son, Francis; and all my earthly hopes centre in you; yet, in spite of the indulgence generally granted to parents in their estimation of the worth of their offspring, I cannot perceive in what you so eminently excel the young people of your own age, whom you thus affect to despise. But since you allow Mr. Irvin to be your friend, visit with him the dwellings of the poor; and contemplating the virtues and the piety, as well as the wants and sufferings, of your fellow-creatures, learn to think humbly of yourself."

Mr. Stanhope sternly withdrew, leaving Francis overwhelmed with confusion, and ashamed of the vanity he had displayed on this occasion. For the first time in his life, he determined to