

generous, amiable, and kind ; and, more than all, she was truly pious. Such a mother all fatherless children have not ; but those who are thus blessed cannot be sufficiently thankful. A well informed, discreet, and pious mother is among the greatest blessings which heaven bestows on children. I love to dwell upon the character of such a woman. I love to think of her. I love to speak of her virtues, and to recommend her example.

6. Such a mother had John Ledyard. By some means, now unknown, soon after the death of her husband, Mrs. Ledyard was deprived of the little property left for her support, and that of her children. This was a severe trial. Her children, three sons and a daughter, were still small, and now she had no means of supporting them. Yet, under her trials, she was humble, patient, and resigned. Fortunately, her father was still living on Long-Island, and under his hospitable roof she took refuge, with her little family.

7. Years rolled by, and, as they passed, contributed to the age and stature of John. His mother marked this increasing stature of his person and the expansion of his mind, with anxiety. He had reached an age to receive impressions, and such impressions as would last,