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He was born in America; at twelve years of age he left home. A father's and a mother's tears were unheeded. He embarked on the

The influence of a mother upon the manner, and salvation of children, especially the latter, is probably greater than that of all other created beings united. On you, then, it chiefly depends under God, what your children shall be in both worlds. If you lose your authority over them, you lose, of course, the chief part of your influence, and then your children lose the choices means which God has appointed for their happiness here and hereafter. If you once form such habits of management as to lose your authority, you never can regain it: for not only your own habits will stand in the way, but the confirmed habits of depraved and untamed children, who will no longer brook restraint. The present is your forming period. Two or three years to come will settle the question unchangeably.

We have often been shocked at the reckless disregard which many persons manifest for the fulfilment of their promises. They are ever ready to make engagements for the future, when the time arrives for their fulfilment, they seem to have forgotten them entirely, or able to treat them as though they involved no obligation whatever. Such conduct is sinful in the highest degree, and when indulged in by professing Christians, furnishes glaring evidence of a fatal defect in their Christian character. It is also highly injurious in its influence upon society itself, inasmuch as it necessarily tends to destroy the confidence of man in man, which is essential to the happiness of the community. It is especially detrimental to the interests of individual himself, who is guilty of it, as thereby forfeits the confidence and respect his fellows. His word accordingly, is not reputable, and he is obliged to suffer all the unhappy consequences. This sinful and injurious habit, is one of the most inexcusable of which one can be guilty. It. ninety-nine cases out

Dr. Doddridge, being found in tears, was just about to embark for Lisbon, in pursuit of health, remarked, "I am weeping, but thy tears of joy. I can give up my country, my relations, my friends, into the hands of God as to myself. I can as well go to HEAVEN as to LISBON, as from my own study at Northampton."

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