

here, arises from the strictness of our discipline. Those of you who have not already perceived how much your tranquility depends upon the proper regulation of the temper, will soon be made sensible of it as you advance in years. You will find people who have never known what it is to be in habitual subjection to precept and just authority, breaking forth into violence and outrage on the most frivolous occasions. The passions of such persons, when once roused, soon become ungovernable, and that impatience of restraint, which they have been allowed to indulge, embitters the greatest portion of their lives. Accustomed to despise the barriers erected by reason, they rush forward to indulgence, without regarding the consequences. Hence arise much of that wretchedness and disorder to be met with in society. Now the discipline necessary to correct the impetuosity of the passions, is often found nowhere but in well regulated Schools : for though it should be the first care of parents, they are too apt to be blinded by affection, and grant liberties to their children which reason disapproves.

We should not forget that the situation of human affairs never allows any one to be at all times his own master. Many restraints are imposed by necessity, to which we must all submit or be totally ruined. What man is exempt from the restraints of the law of the land, and the government under which he lives ; the fear of disease restrains one from unlimited indulgence ; another is restrained in his inclination to extravagance by the fear of want ; a third is more careful of his behaviour from his respect to friends, to society, or established customs—in a word, we are restrained on every side by limits which we cannot, or ought not to pass. That discipline, therefore, which you have sometimes thought irksome, will henceforth present itself in a very different light. It will appear the teacher of a habit of the greatest consequence in