

own undisciplined passions and ungoverned desires ; from thoughtless and profligate companions ; from vice and infidelity, which will beset them in every form ; that there is danger, *great* danger, of their becoming pests to the community, scourges to their friends, and curses to themselves. And all this would be but the natural consequences of the examples they have imitated, the instructions they have received, the principles they have imbibed, and the habits they have formed, while under the paternal roof.

On the other hand, if the parents endeavor to regulate their conduct and their household by the precepts of religion ; if they are kindly attentive to each other's wishes and wants, mild and equable in their tempers, circumspect and amiable in their manners, true and candid and improving in their conversation ; if they manifest the sympathies of an expansive benevolence, and exhibit the fruits of genuine goodness and unaffected piety ; — if parental discipline and instruction be added to this worthy example ; and their offspring are early taught to obey the dictates of their parents, their reason and their Maker ; if their risings of rebellious passion are checked and controlled ; and they are aided in forming habits of truth, honesty, industry, self-government and virtue ; if they are assisted in cultivating cheerful, contented, happy dispositions ; if they are instructed to look upon the honors, emoluments, and pleasures of this world as uncertain, temporary and unsatisfying ; and upon Christian goodness as the one thing truly essential to their happiness in every period of their existence ; if they are induced to believe that the religion of Jesus is a certain guide to peace, usefulness, respectability and salvation ; and that God is their