

bound us to one another; to the noble resolutions we have embraced, and our determination to continue the friends of virtue and truth: these are feelings which give us the most agreeable pleasure when most of the other enjoyments of this transient scene have ceased to delight.

Clothed in virtue, and inspired with the most pure resolutions, you may proceed boldly in your journey through life, and the conduct you will pursue will amply reward the care and affection of your parents. They will behold in you the staff of their age, the beam which shall illuminate their latest days. Nor will your Tutor view your progress in virtue and happiness without emotion; as next to your parents he has the best claim to your affection and gratitude, so is he next to them anxious for your success. When his mind, fatigued with a laborious employment, agitated perhaps by obstinacy, unexpected negligence, or officious interference, is ready to yield to the difficulties of his situation, he is animated with the pleasing hope that all his exertions will not be lost—that some of his pupils will still retain a deep sense of their obligations—that some of them will do him honor—become the boast of their country and the delight of their friends.

Go, then, my young friends; the knowledge you have acquired, and the correct habits you have formed, will lead you in your progress through life to cultivate all those virtues which dignify the human character, and to mark in your behaviour the respect you entertain for every thing venerable or holy. It is this conduct, and these sentiments, that will raise you above the rivalry, the intrigues and slanders by which you will be surrounded. It is this conduct, and these sentiments, that will exalt you above this little spot of earth, so full of malice, contention and disorder, and extend your views with joy and expectation to that better country which is beyond the grave.