

affection will render him most anxious to impart the benefit of his experience to his child. He cannot have passed through life without learning something respecting the great ends which it ought to serve; and these lessons will doubtless influence him in selecting an employment for his child, and directing the education by which he is prepared for it. But is it not a fact, that the parent selects only a *lucrative* employment for his child? When a parent has a young man, whom he wishes to place in a *situation*, the prospect of gain, and of being introduced into fashionable society, are the considerations that determine his choice. He seldom thinks of the morality (except in extreme cases) of the employment or trade; or stops to inquire whether it will furnish the young man with opportunities of getting and giving good, or expose him to temptations before which youth is likely to fall. Hence, professedly Christian parents have not hesitated to send their children to the East or West Indies "to seek their fortune"—places where the society is so rotten and corrupt, that it would be almost miraculous if they should escape the contagion.* If a parent wishes his child to thrive, in the *best sense* of the term, it is the direction of God that he should keep him as near Christian ordinances, and as much under the influence of Christian intercourse, as possible; but those parents who act in the manner just specified, do the very reverse. They send young men, whose principles are not yet fixed, into a situation where they will not only

* Precisely similar to this, is the practice of sending young men to prosecute the Lumber Trade during winter, in this Province; where, for several months, they are not only beyond the means of grace, but often out of the reach of civilized society; and are, all the while, exposed to the most pernicious influences.