

develoꝑement of the good principles, which he was at pains to implant in them, in their youth ; when he witnesses the respect which these principles gain for them, and the happiness and hope, which they yield to them ? What greater reward, than to perceive such result of his early training of the youthful spirit, would he desire to have here ? And hereafter, in another life, the reward will be increased. Even in the very work itself, there is a satisfaction. Every well constituted mind feels it to be pleasant. It is pleasant for a man, to see any work rising under his hand ; a garden for example, with its useful plants, its gay and graceful flowers, each springing up in its season, each displaying its own peculiar beauty, and all the result of care and taste and management, without which the little paradise had been an unsightly waste. But what garden is like a man's own family, or what flowers can rival in beauty, those that may grow up there ? To see in one's own children, the rise of generous sentiment, the struggle with evil passions, and the victory of principle, the glow of virtuous resolution, the tear of pity, the emotion of piety, and to think that we are employed as instruments to produce all these, what can give pleasure, to any heart, that is not utterly depraved and degraded, if this does not ?

One word only, in conclusion. The close, continual watchfulness, both as respects body and mind, which children need, it is the mother's part, as well from her more affectionate nature, as from her better opportunities, especially to exercise. And every lesson, now given, and every encouragement, applies with special force to her, in her work,—a work noble and holy indeed, when engaged in with a right spirit, and with right views. There are, who set the retired devotee, that to secure her own well-being, has renounced the society