

the author of a well-known Commentary on the Bible, a great and good man, beloved and honoured. His name was Dr. Adam Clarke.

The secret of his success is worth knowing:—"Don't give up, but try."

FORMATION OF CHARACTER.

IF you ever watched an icicle as it formed you would have noticed how it froze one drop at a time, until it was a foot long or more. If the water was clean, the icicle remained clear, and sparkled bright in the sun; but if the water was slightly muddy, the icicle looked foul, and its beauty was spoiled. Just so our characters are formed. One little thought or feeling at a time adds to its influence. If every thought be pure and right, the soul will be bright and lovely, and will sparkle with happiness; but if there be many thoughts impure and wrong, the mind will be soiled, the character depraved and darkened, and there will be final deformity and wretchedness. How important, then, that we should be on our guard against every evil impulse and desire.

BREAKING THE SABBATH.

MANY anecdotes are related illustrative of the veneration with which the Sabbath is regarded in Scotland, one of which narrates that a geologist, while in the country, and having his pocket-hammer with him, took it out and began chipping the rock on the way side for examination. His proceedings did not escape the quick eye and ready tongue of an old Scotch woman.

"What are you doing there, man?"

"Don't you see? I'm breaking a stone."

"Y'are doing more than tha: y'are breaking the Sabbath."