

she examined herself, in regard to principles, feelings, aims, and motives;—and with what earnest pleadings she sought God's blessing, especially on her children, cannot be told; but enough is known to warrant the conclusion that the hours of her withdrawal from society were spent in heavenly exercises, the effects of which were seen in the whole course of her life.

These habits were conjoined with maturity of character, to which, indeed, they largely contributed. Her piety was at once intelligent and warm-hearted. Unlike many christian professors, who satisfy themselves with the mere rudiments of religion, and are therefore ever at uncertainty respecting their state, she desired to "comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that she might be filled with all the fulness of God." Her religion was neither speculative nor vapourish. It was experience, founded on truth well understood, and issuing in consistent practice. She "knew whom she had believed," and christian temper and conduct were the fruits, not of fitful, changeable impulses, but of established principles. She loved the grand truths of the gospel, the sublimities of the faith; and when they were set forth in the services of the church her soul drank in the word with holy avidity, and she "rejoiced in the Lord, and joyed in the God of her salvation." Hence her christian career was steady. She neither halted nor hurried. It was not assurance one day, and doubt and despondency the next—a summer, all fragrant with perfume, followed by winter's chilling