

mother, sister, brother, aunt and all the world. You two, with God's help, build your own quiet world: every third or fourth of whom you draw into it with you will form a party, and stand between you two. That should never be. Promise this to each other. Renew the vow at each temptation. You will find your account in it. Your souls will grow as it were together, and at last will become as one. Ah! if many a young pair had, on their wedding-day, known this secret; how many marriages were happier than, alas, they are!"

PARENTAL EXAMPLE.

A mother related the following seemingly trifling incident, which forcibly illustrates the importance and power of parental example.

As I was about to enter my nursery, to look after my little ones, I observed the youngest, a boy of three years of age, looking at a book, which he had taken from a shelf, resembling a family Bible, used before morning and evening prayer.

Struck with the unusual solemnity of his manner, I watched unobserved, his movements. With great precision, and apparent devotion, he went through the exercises of reading, singing, then kneeling for prayer, in imitation of his father's daily example. And never was manner, voice, or gesture more perfectly copied. Trifling as was this circumstance, so deep and solemn was the impression made upon my mind, that to this time I find myself mentally exclaiming, "What manner of persons ought parents to be in all holy conversation and godliness!" Never till this moment had my mind dwelt upon the momentous fact, though so often repeated, that the future characters and the eternal destinies of children are usually, at a very early period, stamped by parental example; and I now felt what an amazing influence must be exerted upon young children by the manner of performing family prayer.

WHO ARE YOUR COMPANIONS?

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.—*Solomon*.

It is said to be a property of a tree-frog, that it acquires the colour of whatever it adheres to for a short time. Thus, if found on growing corn, it is commonly of a dark green. If on the white-oak, it has the colour peculiar to the tree. Just so it is with men. Tell me whom you choose and prefer as companions, and I certainly can tell you who you are. Do you love the