

and full development. The guiding hand of God's providence is almost as distinct as when it went before the Israelites in their journeyings in a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. This will be the more obvious if we contemplate for a moment the manner in which the two grand leading objects of her life were accomplished.

Upon her character as a teacher I need not dwell, because it is so generally known and appreciated. Not less than three thousand pupils have passed under the moulding influence of her mind; and it was not an influence to be easily forgotten or shaken off. It came from the depths of the soul, and went into the depths of the soul, unless resisted by a perverseness rarely found among respectable young ladies. It has been objected, indeed, to her discipline, that it was too stern and uncompromising; and that many of the minor graces and elegant accomplishments, which give a charm to female loveliness, were too much neglected. She may have erred in this respect; for she had become disgusted with the too frequent substitution, in female education, of artificial for unsophisticated manners, and of superficial and showy accomplishments for substantial and practically useful acquisitions. She never felt called to study or to teach the technicalities and formalities of fashionable life; and she placed in nearly the same category some accomplishments which are generally regarded with much favor — such as painting, embroidery, music, and the like; or, rather, she transferred these subjects from the first rank, which they had long occupied, to the last in importance. Whether the system of manners which she taught and exhibited would be popular in the refined circles of Paris, or London, or New York, I know not. But I do know that she inculcated and exemplified that fundamental principle of all good Christian manners, that we should treat all men with