

erwing he might appear and he would often
say to me 'twas better to feed dozen imposters
than to turn one needy person away
And now as I glance back o'er times rapid
space I can as it were see him when I
was a little boy surrounded by his family
his neighbors and friends respected and loved
by all with but one grievous fault that
has been the curse of so many good men
honored I said by all ^{you} for he was truly a
Noble man one whose mind soared above
the trifling little things of earth one
who scorned through his whole life to do
a mean action but ever endeavored to hold up
before his children the highest standard of morality
and virtue

Whilst at the same time he suffered himself like
Eve in the garden of Eden to be beguiled by a serpent
of as deadly a nature as ever tempted Eve, that was
the tempting bowl and as I have said before
this exception he was but a noble man almost
Faultless or at least as near faultless as
attains the lot of man to arrive at
in early life he embraced the Christian religion and
attached himself to the Cumberland Presbyterian
Church and for several years was a leading and con-
tent member but by contact with the world lay
aside as it were the noblest and greatest gift
ever given to man and went back to the gaudy
allurements of the world and although a warm
advocate of the Christian religion he appeared
during the greater part of his life to have lost
savor and made no pretensions as to his Christian
at all

But when old age began to dim the eye when
boagant step grew faltering and slow he looked
upon his early life and I trust returned to
first love as he told me but a short time
he died that he saw his way clear that
religion of his youth was the comfort
of his dying hour and I trust