

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MANN.

that soon became universal. His greatest invention was the overlaid steel which has come to be extensively used, and during his lifetime yielded him a handsome royalty; but it was at the sacrifice of his reputation as a manufacturer, for his mind was so engrossed by his invention that his axe business suffered, and at the time of his déath, in 1870, was on the decline, when it came into the hands of his only surviving son, Harvey, a noble young man, whose sudden death in 1875 by a railroad accident near Steubenville, Ohio, was the last and the hardest of the heart-crushing bereavements his now childless and widowed mother had to endure. It was pitiable to see her hopeless sorrow, yet she endured and survived it. Her nephew, J. Fearon Mann, my brother William's third son, leased her axe factory, her greatest business care, and was otherwise of much comfort and help to her. She built a small church near her house, and lived for many years in her desolated home with ample means, which she used liberally to do good. She died October 7, 1885, and the family of Harvey Mann became extinct.

I might say that my life at Bellefonte, which was up to my tenth year, was, as I now look back