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## THE HOME AND THE CHURCH.

We are constantly being told that this is the age of "the child" and of "young people." It is true that increasing interest is being taken in child welfare and the education of the young, but in centring our interest and thought on the children, we must see to it that the welfare and education of parents are not neglected. So this pamphlet goes addressed to parents.

Most of the problems, religious, moral and physical, that relate to children would be quickly solved for the Church and State if parents could be brought to realize their mutual and individual responsibility for the training of their children—and not throw the burden of this on the Church and State.

The parents make the home. The ideas and ideals of parents make the kind of influence the children will be surrounded with as they grow up. The influence of the home is one of the most powerful in determining a man's or woman's character. Have you not noticed that in the "Lives" of great people, biographers are always careful to tell us what the subject's home was like—what kind of a man his father was, religious or irreligious, whether his mother was worldly or an inspiration and help to him, etc.? "Home" has had a mighty influence on Anglo-Saxon life. "When home life, with its sanctities, its simplicities, its calm, and deep joys and sorrows, ceases to have its charm for us, the greatest break-up and catastrophe in English history will not be far off." So wrote the great Dean Church of St. Paul's, London.

Realizing the importance of home influence