

out with some accuracy what the church at large is doing—what congregations are doing; but we have no machinery for ascertaining how you teach and lead your children, and discharge your duties towards those whom God has committed to your care. Answer our questions in the court of conscience and in the sight of God. Are you rearing a godly seed? Or, are you raising children for the world, the flesh and the devil? The one or the other you must be doing: you cannot serve two masters. The glorious promise of the Gospel is to you and to your children. Have your children received the benefit of God's gracious offers of mercy? Are they God's children growing up in the likeness of Jesus, walking in His footsteps, and trained to be useful in Church and State? Or, have you been satisfied to see them grow up in baptized heathenism under the wrath and curse of God, practically mocking, despising and rejecting Christ and His church, and going with all the swiftness of time down the broad road to Hell?

If the family is what it ought to be we need not fear for the church or for civil society. If parents will but waken up to an adequate sense of their duties, responsibilities and privileges, the next generation will by God's grace, be early christianized; the moral and religious aspect of the community will be revolutionized; the power of the church will be indefinitely increased and her hands freed for work among pagan and anti-Christian populations. Among the most dismal and hopeless facts of the present day, is the fact that a vast amount of home heathenism springs from the bosom of so-called Christian families,—families which ought in all reason to be nurseries for the Kingdom of Heaven. If you ask for proof, look around you, and on every side you will find illustrations and proofs too sadly palpable.

Our religion is intended to sanctify the whole course of life, from the cradle to the grave. Christ was a babe, a little child, a youth, that our infants and our little children might be Christians. O do not then make your house a seminary for Satan; make it by all means a loving school of Christ.

Catechisms, Bibles, good books, good Sabbath School teachers, are all within ordinary reach now throughout the length and breadth of this land. Use all your advantages; but remember that *your own conduct*, the atmosphere of the family, will have greater influence with your little ones than anything else. You are master, you are king, in your family: God will hold you responsible for the way in which you use your power. *Be yourself what you desire your children to become.*

### HOW TO INTEREST THE YOUNG IN MISSION SCHEMES.

Rev. James Wells gives an answer to this question in a late number of the *Missionary Record* of the Free Church of Scotland. We present the substance of it, in brief, and modified to suit our own Sabbath Schools in the Lower Provinces.

1. Get a Mission Box for each class and invite them to contribute every Sabbath.
2. Propose a new object to them every month, or if this be too great a change, say every quarter, one suited to draw out their sympathies. We would name "Day Spring," Support of Schools for Coolie Children.—Help in sending the Scriptures to the Acadian French—Aid to the new Church in San Fernando—Support of Native Teachers in New Hebrides.
3. Give them during the month or quarter, the most telling facts about the subject, by Addresses and perhaps through the *Record*, but certainly in the first way named, and refer to the subject in prayer.
4. Tell them at the end of the month or quarter how much they have given and thank them for their liberality.

We profess to exercise no authority, but by way of introducing the scheme, we suggest that the first quarter of 1872 Jan. Feb. and March, might be allowed to "Day Spring," the second quarter, April, May and June, might be devoted to collections for the Coolie Schools and Books and furnishing the new Building to be erected for Messrs. Morton and Grant, as a Church in San Fernando. By that time the Synod will meet and if thought desirable, the Acadia