

imitation of the generation now rising around you—to honour THE LORD'S DAY. Not only rest from business and journeyings on it, but study to enter into the rest of God. Give yourselves, with alacrity, to all the exercises which are designed, at once for the expression of the homage of the heart to our Father in heaven, and for the conveyance by Him to us of His Holy Spirit. Some of you, we believe, are under peculiar temptations to the violation of the Sabbath—who dwell in places where this holy day is but rarely marked out from other days by the sounding of the Gospel trumpet, and is regarded as a day for bodily relaxation, and pleasure. But consider, BROTHERS, that neither evil example, nor any other temptation however prevalent, or powerful, can be an excuse for our sin.—God requires one whole day in seven, as well as a portion of every day for his worship; and we must neither allow the example of ungodly men, nor worldly connexions and friendships to influence us to rob him, and rob ourselves of the Sabbath. Remember that exposition of the law of the Sabbath, which you have known from childhood, and can verify from Scripture, “The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful in other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.”

THE RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF THE YOUNG is an exercise peculiarly proper for the Sabbath, while it is in itself of such paramount importance, that it may properly be touched on in this address. Natural affection if rightly directed would lead parents to train up their children in the fear of God, and for

his service. The law expressly prescribes this duty to parents; and the very continuance, and enlargement of the Church of God in our world are dependent on its being observed. We do therefore exhort all heads of families into whose hands this letter comes, by their regard to the present and eternal welfare of their children—the authority of God—and the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to be diligent in instructing the young in Divine Truth, and earnest and persevering in prayer for the Divine Life to be formed in them.

Let parents, as they have opportunity, send their children to Sabbath Schools, and Bible classes:—they must yet know, that no pains, and no labours of Ministers and teachers can exempt them from the obligation to instruct their household in the things of God; and this obligation is to be discharged by a godly example in every day life, by daily counsels fetched from the oracles of God, and the more formal instructions of the Sabbath evening.

We would be far from unholy boasting concerning that branch of the church to which we belong, yet we may say, that she has been honourably distinguished among the Churches of the Reformation for maintaining the Divine authority of the Sabbath, and for pressing on all heads of families in her communion the duty of catechising their children and domestics on the evening of that day; and that to these causes mainly, under the Divine blessing, may be referred the hereditary character which the profession and practice of godliness has to a certain extent had, in the land of our fathers, since the days of the Reformation.

In exhorting you to the practice of family catechising, we would remind