

## A MOTHER'S SURPRISE.

“ONE Sunday night,” says a preacher, “I was urging christian parents to let there be no delay in speaking to their children about their souls. I said, Do it to-night, if you have not done it already. You mothers may say, My children will be in bed and asleep when I get home. Never mind, go up stairs and waken them and talk to them about their souls. One mother went home and her little girl was in bed and asleep. She woke her and said, ‘Jane, I have not spoken to you, dear child, about your soul. The preacher has been exhorting us to-night and saying that if you were asleep you should be awakened.’ Then said Jane, ‘Mother, I have often thought that you did not speak to me about Christ, but I have known him these two years.’ The mother stood convicted. She brought her daughter round on Monday and said, ‘Let this dear girl be baptized.’ I said to her, ‘Why did you not tell your mother?’ ‘Well,’ said she, ‘you know mother never gave me a chance.’ Then the mother said, ‘Quite right; I have not been to my children what I ought to have been; but, please God, there shall never be another child of mine that shall steal a march on her mother, and find out Christ without her knowing it.’ God graciously rebuked that mother.”