

pound, must live and die an infidel. "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein." It is necessary then that the man should become the child in disposition, ere he can enter the kingdom of Heaven, but by no means necessary that the child should attain to man's judgment before he can learn the way thither.— "Take heed then that ye despise not one of these little ones," so as to neglect any opportunity of sowing the least seed of heavenly knowledge in their minds. The smallest grain you now sow, may at once spring up in the tender, and lovely blade of infant piety ; or should it lie, for a time, unproductive, it may, by His blessing, who gives every increase, hereafter burst through the soil, and grow up into a vigorous, and deep rooted tree of vital religion.

At the early age of which we are now speaking it is generally a mother's task, to nurture, and inform the opening mind. Christian mothers, think of the consequences which depend on your discharge of this duty ! Think, that, though the plant you tend, is as yet so young in time, it is destined to live throughout eternity ; and *that* eternity *may* be, of happiness, or misery, as you shall give the first direction to the tender shoot. Watch then, and seize every opportunity of gently engrafting, and carefully fostering any favorable sentiment, and of nipping in the bud, every indication of evil disposition. There is, alas, a strong principle of frowardness, and depravity in the root,

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