

lously followed the instructions of parents whom he tenderly loved; and, when he was raised to the highest honours which a grateful and free people could confer, wept on his mother's neck, and ascribed to her instruction, example and influence, under the Divine blessing, all the good which he had done. The other, by disobedience and unfeeling conduct, broke his mother's heart and sent her to an early grave. The sequel was appropriate. Such a man must be just fit to sell his country, being bound by no law human or divine, the slave of the most unmitigated selfishness.

Let it be well remembered that it is not merely in childhood and *early* youth that we are privileged and commanded to honour our parents. There is no part of the Bible which says, "Honour thy father and thy mother whilst thou art in childhood." The commandment with promise is obligatory on you who are men and women, and the neglect of the obligation is one of the phases of American life, and threatens appalling evils to families and Churches in this yet happy land. It is said by those educated in the land of our fathers that there is a perceptible want of respect for the authority and feelings of parents among the rising youth of Nova Scotia. Alas, that such a charge should be well founded! From "the hand of strange children whose mouth speaketh vanity and their right hand a right hand of falsehood" may the good Lord deliver our Church and country. "O my soul come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united."

I can testify with sorrow that this precocious demand for independence has proved itself the grand enemy and chief hindrance to all our Sabbath classes. Children leave them, contrary to the well understood wishes both of parents and pastor, simply *because they will*. This has been for a lamentation, and it will be for a lamentation. It *has* produced evil. It *will* produce evil, only evil, and evil continually. How often have I seen it lead to the separation of the young from the Church and from all religious ordinances!—Such in fact is the general result when parents, contrary to Scripture and all experience, proceed upon the principle that children are to *choose and act independently in childhood and early youth*, instead of being *guided*, as well as taught, by their proper guardians. How fallacious, how ruinous the principle of *advising* children to attend the means of moral improvement and then leaving them the option of choosing the opposite. This is to teach the principle and encourage the practice of disobedience to the will, first of parents, and secondly of God. I could give facts on this subject which would cause parental ears to tingle, but as I am addressing the young let me simply place before them the first commandment of the second table as one in all respects worthy of its author and of the place which it occupies, one which has a special promise annexed, obedience to which brings much happiness and adds no sorrow, "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Happy are the children who are taught obedience. Happy are the young men who have learned obedience in early life.

3. *Enticements to Sabbath breaking.* If sinners entice thee to violate the rest or sanctity of the Lord's day consent not.

Is the family God's school, the Sabbath is the Lord's day. Both are bright manifestations of divine wisdom and goodness. In attaining the great ends of life we can no more dispense with the rest of the Sabbath than with the order of the family. The perversion of either will react most injuriously.—If employed during the week in calculations, or in deep thought, or in any employment exhausting or exciting to your mental powers, your intellect demands the rest and grateful change of employment which the Sabbath fur-