

ing sow your seed, in the evening withhold not your hand, but remember that neither he that soweth, nor he that reapeth is any thing, it is God that giveth the increase. Be not satisfied with making them read a lesson, or repeat a prayer. By every thing tender and solemn in religion; by a due admixture of the awful considerations drawn from the prospect of death and judgement, aim to fix serious impressions on their hearts. Aim to produce a religious concern, carefully watch its progress, and endeavour to conduct it to a prosperous issue. Lead them to the footstool of the Saviour, teach them to rely, as guilty creatures, on his merits alone, and to commit their eternal interests entirely into his hands. Let the salvation of these children be the object, to which every word of your instructions, every exertion of your authority, is directed. Despise the profane clamour, which would deter you from attempting to render them serious, from an apprehension of its making them melancholy, not doubting for a moment, that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and that the path to true happiness lies through purity, humiliation and devotion. Meditate the worth of souls; meditate deeply the lessons the Scriptures afford on their inconceivable value and eternal duration. While the philosopher wearies himself with endless speculations on their physical properties and nature, while the politician only contemplates the social arrangements of mankind, and the shifting forms of policy, fix your attention on the individual importance of man, as the creature of God, and a candidate for immortality. Let it be your highest ambition to train up these children for an unchanging condition of being. Spare no pains to recover them to the image of God; render familiar to their minds, in all its extent, the various branches of that holiness, without which, none shall see the Lord. Inculcate the obligation, and endeavour to inspire the love, of that rectitude, which was with God before time began, was embodied in the person of his Son, and in its lower communications, will survive every sublunary change, emerge in the dissolution of all things, and be impressed, in resplendent characters, on the new heavens and the new earth, in which dwelleth righteousness. Pray often with them, and for them, and remind them of the inconceivable advantage attached to that exercise. Accustom them to a punctual and reverential attendance at the house of God; insist on their sanctification of the Sabbath, by such a disposal of the time as is suitable to a day of rest and devotion. Survey them with a vigilant and tender eye, checking every appearance of an evil and depraved disposition the moment it springs up, and encouraging the dawn of piety and virtue. By thus training them up in the way they should go, you may reasonably hope that when old, they will

in maturer years; and it is a fact corroborated by the most abundant testimony, that those who have been signalized for piety in after life, have had their minds early impressed with a sense of religious truth. It is not then a matter of surprize as of deep concern, to know that the disregard of religious exercise proceeds, not so much from a disinclination on the part of the rising generation to engage in its duties, as from the baneful example imbibed from those with whom the responsibility is attached of directing their infant minds. And while we would exonerate from the charge of neglect in a matter so momentous, the clergy of the various congregations in connection with our church, (for we are firmly persuaded, that in proportion to their time and ability, in point of usefulness and zeal in the discharge of their duty, they are excelled by no denomination of christians in the province,) yet we cannot overlook that dire culpability that stamps the character of many of whom better things might be hoped for.

To the pernicious example then of irreligious parents, must we trace the cause of this impiety, which is a predominating feature in the aspect of the times. If the fountain be polluted, it were absurd to expect purity in the stream—and if the walk and conversation of the guides of youth be not in accordance with the dictates of the Gospel, we are by no means warranted to conclude, that morality and piety will form the characteristics of the rising generation.

Such then is the real source of this manifest disregard to things of a sacred nature. Although convinced that hostility to spiritual instruction is inherent in the nature of man, yet we by no means are disposed to overlook the truth, that example has a powerful influence in forming the character. And surely the complaint that we often hear of the degeneracy of manners, is chargeable in no small extent upon those by whom it is most loudly uttered. Were the admonition "and ye fathers bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," more attentively cultivated, there would be less reason to lament the evil that so loudly cries for redress. But as long as parents are inattentive to the duties of their station, and overlook by such conduct, the interests of those whom, by the ties of nature and religion, they are bound to protect and to guide, the evil of which we

RAILWAY TRAVELLING ON SABBATH.

Sabbath travelling by railway is proceeding with headlong speed. We perceive they are putting fresh trains on the Railway, on the Lord's-day, between Liverpool and Manchester. Thus it always is in the progress of wickedness. The Greenwich railway people were unusually serious and pious in first launching their trains on the Sabbath. Not only were they not to run during the hours of divine service, but ample time was afforded for the men employed both to go and return from the church. Now the only difference is, that the trains are more numerous on the Sabbath than on any other day; and this it will be found, as in the case of Liverpool and Manchester, will be the invariable course. Stimulating Sabbath desecration, it will grow amazingly on their hands. How any professing serious religion can remain connected as members with bodies thus openly dishonouring God, and doing the greatest injury to the morals and religion of the country, is difficult of comprehension.—Record.

Ladies North American Colonial Society.—A very impressive sermon was preached in the West Church, Aberdeen, on the evening of Sabbath, 16th ult. by the Rev. A. D. DAVIDSON, in aid of the Ladies North American Colonial Society. The collection amounted to Twenty-four Pounds.

POLITICAL SUMMARY.

In the short space of one week, we have received more important news from different parts of the world, than has reached us in any one week, during the last six months, and a number of the occurrences which are reported to have taken place, we are sorry to add, are of the most painful and melancholy description. By the arrival of the British Steamer Liverpool, at New-York, on the 18th inst. after a short passage of only 17 days, London news to the 31st of July, and Liverpool to the 1st August, have been brought by way of Boston to this Town.

The disturbances at Birmingham, occupy a prominent place in the public papers, and exhibit a frightful picture of mob fury and violence. The Chartists the vote by Ballot, Annual Parliament, and Universal suffrage men, had possession of that large and wealthy manufacturing town for several days, setting the police and even the military power at defiance, and sacking and plundering the shops and houses of many quiet and peaceable citizens at their will. This disgraceful and licentious conduct of the radicals has produced a wonderful sensation throughout the Kingdom, it has not only filled the minds of the w-

irmingham with alarm and consternation, and caused the Ministry from their lethargy, and made them better acquainted, they feel inclined to acknowledge, the intentions of their late friends, into Parliament for the ad-Treasury, for the Estab-Birmingham. The Ar-d troops are pouring districts. Stockport, and a Towns, are in as well as de by the month which