

ceptable to God, or to mar His image in them and to rob Him of His own!

Do not be content then to hand over to the Sunday School teacher whatever training in religious knowledge and principles your child may receive, but look upon it as the FIRST and PLAINEST of your duties to bring up your little ones in the faith and fear of God.

There is a way in which you are always teaching them. Your *example* is always before their eyes to be followed as naturally as the young bird learns flight from watching the parent-bird. Your influence *cannot* be neutral. It must either be for good or for evil.

If then you are conscious of your own shortcomings, of your own carelessness in religious matters, of ignorance of the blessed teaching of the Church of Christ, redeem the past as far as in you lies. Become learners for your children's sakes as well as for your own, do not let them in their Sunday Schools acquire knowledge which you are careless about acquiring yourselves, but learn to know God and serve him better day by day that so you may be fit teachers of the children he has given you, that when God sees fit to remove you from this life you may in sweet confidence await their coming in the rest of Paradise.

PASTORAL VISITS.

SPEAKING of pastoral visits, a writer in an exchange says: "When I hear of a city pastor who has made 1,000 or 1,500 calls during the year. I am inclined to think that, where one slice of the pastoral work is buttered so thick, it must be cor-

respondingly thin somewhere else." Nevertheless, it is expected that the pastor shall frequently meet his people at their homes. He must know his sheep and call them by name. He must have a personal and intimate acquaintance with young and old, and show a loving interest in their temporal affairs, if he would know what to say to them in his sermons, and how to say it so as to reach the consciences and touch the hearts of his hearers. There is, doubtless, much precious time wasted in "peddling civility around the parish," but pastoral visitation is a power that should not be despised.

A missionary of the China Inland Mission, in the province of Kansuh, says that in Thibetan families every other son is given up to the service of the gods, and is supported by his family. A principal temple has 300 priests: another has 100. Is there not a suggestion here for Christian parents as to what they might and should do in the service of Jehovah? Every Christian household might well covet the honor of having one of its members connected directly with the ministry of the Gospel.

EPISCOPACY.

Gibbon, the great historian, who had no preference for any religion, Christian or heathen, says that Episcopacy was the *universal mode* of Church government at the end of the first century. As many of the clergy of that age had been taught by the Apostles themselves, and as some of the Bishops, living then, had been ordained by the Apostles, it seems a little strange