

consequence thereof tends greatly to obstruct the progress of truth, by standing in the way of serious enquires as a stumbling block; when it sees by such, that the same undue liberties they are called out of, are indulged in amongst us, they are offended. Oh, that parents and children, and all that are unfaithful, and who easily suffer the important branches of our Christian testimony to fall (so indeed they would all appear if they were seen in a true light) would deeply consider the mournful consequences thereof, by retarding the progress of truth, and grievously eclipsing the beauty of Zion! Then, I greatly hope, a more lively zeal and holy ardour would prevail, and that the careless sons and daughters thereof would arise, and shake themselves from the dust of the earth, putting on the beautiful garment of holiness and truth, that they might become more and more a praise in the earth.

Having offered a few remarks concerning the important duty of parents, it now remains to do the same respecting the indispensable duty of children, to honor and obey their parents in the Lord, which is strongly enjoined in the Holy Scriptures, and, in the nature of things, a lasting and indispensable obligation. The commandment is: "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (Exodus, Matt., Mark, Luke and Ephraim). In that which is consistent with the law of God, no children can stand before the supreme Judge, for disobeying and dishonoring their parents. This obedience and honor not only extends to the yielding to what they direct, but also to the preservation of the reverent awe and honorable esteem in the heart, arising from the bottom of love, which would on all just occasions cherish and protect them. It is a sin of a deep dye to disregard and slight parents as appears by Duet. "Cursed be he that setteth lightly by his father or mother," and Prov.: "He that mocketh at his father

and dispiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out and the young eagles shall eat it;" Chap. 33 and 22: "Harken unto thy father and dispise not thy mother when she is old;" Chap. 28 and 24: "Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, it is no transgression, the same is the companion of a destroyer."

On the other hand, very memorable was the kind and watchful Providence which attended such as feared the Lord, and those who honored, loved and obeyed their parents, as Jacob, Joseph, Ruth, Samuel and David, also the Bechabite. Read the account concerning them, Jer. 35. Respecting such as lived in the fear of the Lord, let me recommend the case of Daniel and the three children, who, because of their faithfulness to God, were preserved unhurt, when by their adversaries exposed to the greatest torment and danger.

And we hoped the little paper will be found the supporter of the true cause of temperance in all things, which does not mean mere abstinence from alcoholic drinks. From your friend,

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This final message is the advice, at the close of a long life, of one who has been so richly blessed with the love and affection of devoted sons and daughters. E. C. in the *Intelligencer and Journal* says: "His children were devotedly attached to him, and his daughters, Martha and Margaret, ministered to his many necessities during his last years with all the patience and tender care necessary for a little child."

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That household is nearest the Christian idea where are studied more minutely those delicate offices and interchanges of kindliness, which, like golden threads, run through the warp and woof of every-day life.—[McDuff.