

duty as though God wrought without instrumentality. Habits may be formed, principles may be implanted, and seeds of truth sown in the minds of children before they experience a change of heart. We cannot tell how soon God may own and bless our efforts by the work of conversion; but, if the change does not take place until adult age, the convert who has received a christian training becomes a tower of strength to the church with which he becomes connected.

Regarding the principles which underlie our system we cannot but think that the denomination to which we belong should exert an immense influence against error, infidelity, and all the evil which surrounds us on every side, Doubtless our power is great, but let us not be satisfied. There is a loud call for renewed and strenuous efforts on the part of every one of us to do all we can for the present and future welfare of our churches, that like an army compact and well disciplined, and moving at the command of the Captain of our Salvation, we may become mighty through God to the pulling down the strongholds of sin.

The first thing of this nature which presents itself to the mind is the question of the young. We cannot begin too soon to impress upon the minds of the young that it is their duty to do something for God. Under the direction of the christian parent a child soon enters the school and he can do something, he soon finds something to do, and this great pleasure in doing it. It is true that this activity and sometimes disappointed, but frequently as in the case of Samuel, it has led to a useful life. In the various engagements of our young men there will be found many to be found in the capacity of children. Both their activity and their docility may be kept in exercise until the Holy Spirit quickens the motive and the power of a useful christian life. In christianity we do not lose sight of the fact that our children must be converted by Divine grace before they can ever do right or become members of our churches. On the other hand we must be careful that we do not abuse this truth by neglecting our

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