

THE MOTHER A GUARDIAN ANGEL.

The following touching remarks are from an Italian work:—

“A mother teaching her child to pray, is an object at once the most sublime and tender that the imagination can conceive. Elevated above earthly things, she seems like one of those guardian angels, the companion of our earthly pilgrimage, through whose ministration we are incited to good, and restrained from evil. The image of the mother becomes associated in his infant mind with the invocation she taught to him—‘Father who is in heaven.’ When the seductions of the world assail his youthful mind, that well remembered prayer to his ‘Father who is in heaven,’ will strengthen him to resist evil.—When in riper years he mingles with mankind, and encounters fraud under the mask of honesty; when he sees confiding goodness betrayed, generosity ridiculed as weakness, unbridled hatred, and coldness of interested friendship, he may, indeed, be tempted to depise his fellow-man; but he will remember his ‘Father who is in heaven.’

“Should he, on the contrary, abandon himself to the world, and allow the seed of self-love to spring up and flourish in the heart, he will, notwithstanding, sometimes hear a warning voice in the depths of his soul, severely tender as those maternal lips which instructed him to pray to his ‘Father who is in heaven.’ But when the trials of life are over, and he may be extended on the bed of death, with no other consolation than the peace of an approving conscience, he will recall the scenes of his infancy, the image of his mother, and with tranquil confidence will resign his soul to his ‘Father who is in heaven.’”

CONVICTS AND CONFIRMATION.

READ THIS.—“The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold a Confirmation in this city on Sunday the 5th September, in the following order: St. George’s, 11 a.m.; St. Paul’s, 3 p.m.; St. James’, 6 p.m. His Lordship will administer that rite in the Provincial Penitentiary to several of the convicts:

We copy the above from a Kingston journal. We are sorry that his Lordship and Bishopship should deliberately walk into the Penitentiary and *confirm* the convicts. Surely they are bad enough without being *confirmed*. If the Bishop sees this, will he take a friend’s counsel and alter his determinations? D. O.

☞ Let all friends remember the meeting in Wainfleet in September, as announced in our last.

☞ We anticipate the arrival shortly of a few copies of the Owen and Campbell Debate from the city of Cincinnati. This is a work that we can recommend. Every Christian and Infidel in America should read it. We shall do our part toward supplying those who wish to read it in our own Canada. It will be sold at 7s 6d. per copy. When first published; it was retailed at 10s or 12s 6d. Who wants a copy?