

thoughts concerning the source and nature of parental rights and duties may not be out of place, even if they find their way into the minds of many of our Canadian readers.

It was on Horeb that Jehovah made known in a special manner His will to Moses: "Call together the people unto Me, that they may hear My words, and may learn to fear Me all the time that they live on earth and may teach their children" (Deut. iv. 10). And the great law-giver, faithful to his trust, laid the divine commands before the chosen people, with this solemn injunction: "Forget not the works that thy eyes have seen, and let them not go out of thy heart all the days of thy life. Thou shalt teach them to thy sons and thy grandsons." (Ib. 9).

What Moses impressed upon God's people as a rigorous duty, St. Paul corroborated as a divine command to Christ's followers in the new dispensation: "And you fathers, provoke not your sons to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and the correction of the Lord." (Ephes. vi. 4). "But if any man have not care of his own, and especially of those of his house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (I Tim. v. 8).

What Christ is with regard to His Church, what bishops are to their priests and people, what the shepherd is to his flock, such are parents to their children. It is for them to see that the wolf break not into the fold, that the lambs be led to rich and wholesome pastures, that noxious food be carefully kept out of their reach; otherwise the souls of their children will cry to heaven against them as did the blood of Abel against his unnatural murderer.

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