

strictly to that method of instruction in the principles of religion which our Church hath prescribed in her plain, short, and excellent Catechism, adding nothing thereto, unless it be some known and approved Exposition thereof; that they may be made to understand the nature and obligation of their baptismal vow; that they may know the articles of the Christian Faith as comprised in the Apostles' Creed; that they may learn their duty towards God and towards their neighbour as taught in the ten Commandments, explained after the tenor of our Saviour's Gospel; that they may be taught to pray, as our Lord taught his disciples; that they may be instructed in the nature and use of the two Sacraments instituted by our Saviour; and finally, as the result of this knowledge, that they may be early initiated in the practice of all those duties which make up a sober, righteous and godly life."

"But this leads me to conclude all with a short and serious address to those who are immediately employed in the education of these children, the masters and mistresses of the Charity-Schools.

"All that I shall say to you is, that those worthy persons who employ you do reasonably expect, nay God himself, to whom you must give an account of the management of your trust, doth expect, both that you should yourselves give an example of all manner of piety and virtue, and that you should apply yourselves with much diligence and prudence to the forming the tempers and manners of the children committed to your care, as well as to the informing their understandings, attending your business not as those that would please men only, but would approve yourselves in the sight of God. Teach them to be modest and humble, diligent and industrious, and above all perfectly true and just both in word and deed. Insinuate into them a sense of Almighty God, and the apprehension of a future life.— Endeavour to awaken their consciences in these their tender years, that they may act upon principles all the days of their lives. Give them an early value for their Bibles, that they may ever look upon them as containing the great rule of their faith and practice, that rule by which they are to live, and by which they shall be judged. In a word, manage them as parents should do (for you are in the place of parents to them),

with that prudence that may engage them both to fear and love you, as being convinced by your behaviour towards them, that you have no other design but to promote their temporal and spiritual welfare. You are well employed, engaged in an excellent Work, highly acceptable to God, and useful to the World, if managed as it ought to be; and if you do your part with fidelity and diligence, besides the present small recompence which you receive for your pains, you will enjoy the satisfaction of a good conscience; from a sense of having done your duty, you will very often have the pleasure of observing the good effects of your care in the towardness and the improvement of your Charge; and you will finally receive a full recompence from God at the great day of account.

"*May Almighty God continue to prosper this Work; may he shower down his blessings abundantly both spiritual and temporal upon all that are heartily engaged in it; may he bless these Children, and give them grace always to remember the obligations they are laid under by this kind dispensation of his Providence towards them; may he by the grace of his Holy Spirit conduct us all in the paths of wisdom, piety and virtue, till he shall have brought us to his heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Father and the Eternal Spirit, our great Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, be ascribed all praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.*"

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

Annual Meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

THE annual meeting of the above mentioned association took place at Taunton, on Tuesday, August 22d, when several of the clergy from the different associated districts having met the venerable the Archdeacon of Taunton at the Town Hall, a procession was formed from thence to St. Mary Magdalen's