

CHRISTS ADVICE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

- "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (2 Thes. v. 22).
 "Beware of covetousness" (Luke xii. 5).
 "Cleave to that which is good" (Rom. xii. 9).
 "Deceive not with thy lips" (Prov. xxiv. 28).
 "Envy not the oppressor" (Prov. iii. 31).
 "Follow that which is good" (1 Thes. v. 15).
 "Grudge not one against another" (James v. 9).
 "Honour thy father and thy mother" (Ex. xx. 12).
 "Incline your heart unto the Lord" (Josh. xxiv. 23).
 "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matt. vii. 21).
 "Keep yourselves in the love of God" (1 John i. 1).
 "Love one another" (John xiii. 34).
 "Mind not high things" (Rom. xii. 16).
 "Neglect not the gift that is in thee" (1 Tim. iv. 14).
 "Owe no man anything" (Rom. xiii. 8).
 "Put your trust in the Lord" (Psa. iv. 5).
 "Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thes. v. 19).
 "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel" (Mark i. 15).
 "Set your affections on things above" (Col. iii. 2).
 "Take heed what ye do" (2 Chron. xix. 6).
 "Use hospitality one to another" (Peter iv. 9).
 "Vain words regard not" (Ex. v. 9).
 "Wait on the Lord" (Psa. xxvii. 14).
 "Yield yourselves unto the Lord" (2 Chron. xxx. 8).
 "Zealous, therefore, be, and repent" (Rev. iii. 19).

CHILD CHRISTIANS.

A mother once said to her little twelve-year-old girl: "Now, my child, if you are a Christian, I shall never expect you again to show the least sign of fretfulness or impatience as long as you live; and if you do, I shall conclude that you are deceived." How many converted in middle life would not be driven to the conclusion that they are deceived, if this test should be applied to them? Mr. Spurgeon says that after he joined the church, he was called from the play-ground by a very solemn person who "warned him of the impropriety of

playing at trap, bat and ball with the boys," and said: "How can you play like others if you are a child of God?" Mr. Spurgeon's ejaculatory remark of this experience is, "What foolery, brethren?" and he adds: "Do not others expect from children more perfect conduct than themselves exhibit? If a gracious child should lose his temper, or act wrongly in some trifling thing through forgetfulness, straightway he is condemned as a little hypocrite by those who are a long way from being perfect themselves."

Says Dr. Bushnell: "A child acts out its present feelings, The feelings of the moment, without qualification or disguise, and how, many times, would we appear if we were to do the same?"

Let us remember that there is a possibility that Christian people of the nineteenth century may join the chief priests and scribes who were filled with indignation because they saw the children crying in the temple. Let us remember that a convert of whatever age is only a babe in Christ, and while we ought in every case, to see the fruits of the new life, let us not demand that young shoulders should carry an old head and be accompanied immediately upon conversion by a fully sanctified heart. And, moreover, suppose the lives of some professing children do not bear out the profession, does not the argument bear just as strongly against adult professors? If we oppose the one, why not oppose the other?—*Hurlbert*.

HEARING AND ANSWERING OF PRAYER.

Some persons nowadays are seeking to effect good by trying to analyze the reasons why God in specific cases does and in others does not answer prayer. They practically argue in such a way as to lead to the conclusion that answered prayer comes as a reward of meritorious asking. Such speculation is both erroneous and dangerous. It is ours simply to pray in faith, and to leave the results to the wisdom and goodness of God. Prayer's power and effects cannot be reasoned out, Dr. Pierson well says: "I have made up my mind that there are some things in the mind of God that I cannot get into mine. Hence I do not attempt to reconcile the two revealed truths—that God is unchangeable, and that prayer changes Him."—*The Moravian*.