

Fathers, to you a trust is given,  
More blest than angels claim in heaven ;  
To train the offspring of your love  
For life that leads to life above.

### MOTHERS.

MOTHER ! What a world of opportunity, privilege and responsibility is in that word !

To you a greater than Pharaoh's daughter has said : " Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."—Ex. ii. 9

Mother, " Is it well with thee ? Is it well with thy husband ? Is it well with the child ?"—2 Kings iv. 26.

Happy, thrice happy if thou canst say truly,  
" It is well."

A mother's hands ! what treasures rare they hold,  
More precious far than richest gems and gold !  
Through pious influence and teachings wise,  
To train for earth, and fashion for the skies !

From " CONVERSE WITH THE KING."

The following letter from the mother of a little boy, eleven years old, who died from a cold taken