

unhappy influences? Fearful results will yet come out of the neglect of family religion in this Province. Saints will weep, and devils will triumph, over these results. The Church, the State, will yet have to grapple with them. Parents themselves will encounter them. Yea they are encountering some of them already. They often find themselves despised and cruelly abandoned by their own offspring; and they should receive such treatment as a just punishment for their sin, in not bringing their children under the chastening and subduing influence of religion. But, it is also to be remarked, that there are hundreds of localities in this country, that are, in a great measure, deprived of public ordinances; and how is Christianity to maintain itself there in the absence of family religion? The instructions, the devotions, the discipline and government of the family may be kept up *everywhere*; and if they are kept up they form a grand reserve, upon which religion may fall back and be upheld in remote settlements. But with no religion in the family, the consequence must be, the virtual extinction of Christianity altogether, if not immediately, yet in a very short time. We cannot, however, enlarge. But we beseech you, for conscience sake, for your children's sake, for the Church's sake, for your own sake, for God's sake, listen to these your responsibilities. If you have never begun before, begin now all your parental duties,—instruction, devotion, government. Omit none of them. Make no excuses, raise no objections. The duty is imperative; it is one of the greatest duties that lies upon you. Set the end to be attained properly before you. Seek steadfastly to reach it. Act upon a system. Be deeply in earnest—seek all needful preparation,—more knowledge, more personal religion, to fit you for the duty; think of the glorious results. And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,—Amen.

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