

life of Samuel, dedicated from his earliest infancy to the Lord, and serving the Lord with singleness of heart even to the end of his days. His praise is written in the Book of Ecclesiasticus, which, though not a Canonical Book, is read, occasionally, in our Churches, as our 6th Article declares, "for example of life and instruction of manners." Samuel, the prophet of the Lord, beloved of his Lord, established a kingdom." "By the law of the Lord he judged the congregation." "By his faithfulness he was found a true prophet." "And before his long sleep he made protestations in the sight of the Lord and His anointed, I have not taken any man's goods, so much as a shoe: and no man did accuse him."

Read, again, the life of Timothy of Lystra, honoured by St. Paul with the title of his "own son in the faith," and of whom he bare record that "from a child" he had "known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make wise unto salvation:"—an encouragement and a warning to Parents as well as to Children, for the same Apostle attributes the many graces of Timothy to the admirable training of his mother Eunice.

I refer to but one other Exemplar, although many might be adduced, that of John the Baptist. Like Samuel, devoted from his infancy to the grand work of "preparing the way of the Lord," he retired early from the busy scenes of life, so attractive to the young, and made the wilderness his dwelling-place. His

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