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growing children. Like all that we have noticed in the various stages, with increasing happiness toward the perfecting of home and family life, there are still better things ahead for those who walk, as parents and children with God. There is great happiness for godly parents in the budding infancy of their child; greater still in the opening flower of its youth and in the blossoming of manhood or womanhood, of purity and virtue. These phases of grace and beauty are all dependent more or less upon religious environment and training.

Fathers and mothers failing in diligence in the training of their children for the higher life, as a labor of love, are unjust to both themselves and their children.

Nothing can glorify the evening shadows of life's day for the united heads of a home and family like the assurance that the children are safe within the "fold of the Good Shepherd," either on earth or in heaven.

There are many peaceful death beds, that seem as a door of entrance into the fullest consummation of promised reward for all the toil and care, the joys and sorrows, of a life consecrated to home and heaven by man and woman divinely joined together, since the first hour their hearts thrilled for one another. Not the least in the comfort of that death bed experience is the thought that the children are safe.