

before the starry crown which awaits those heroic men who braving every danger, and facing beings more like devils than men, bore aloft the standard of the cross until they were murdered by savage men for whose eternal happiness they laboured. I sometimes fear our dear friends are turning away from the New Hebrides, but you will not surely give up the stations you now occupy here. You will not give up Eromanga? I think the success at Anelgaulhat. Erakor and Eromanga is encouraging. Do not forget us when you are devising liberal plans, for your other mission fields. But if no one comes from your church for Eromanga, one thing I will count upon, your prayers. Brethern pray for us.

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THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

DEAR EDITOR.—I was much pleased with your remarks on the Shorter Catechism in the Feb. No. of the RECORD. 'Tis not only true that children will not have the Catechism if their parents or guardians won't give them "the questions," but also that much evil, in many forms, has resulted from the neglect, in our day, of giving the shorter Catechism.

1st. It is one of the best compends of Scripture doctrine that we possess; to neglect the teaching of it to our children will leave them in comparative ignorance of the doctrines that will make them "wise unto salvation," and help them in the discharge of Christian duty.

2nd. Parents or guardians who neglect this duty, are guilty of a great evil, inasmuch as they neglect to furnish children, entrusted to their care, with the necessary armour against the many assailants of Christianity that must surely

meet them in the short journey of life.

3rd. Parents or guardians who neglect this duty have oft the painfulness of hearing that their children become sceptics, infidels, or the victims of soul-destroying doctrines!—What other harvest need they expect, if they fail or neglect to teach them bible doctrine, and the church polity with which they are connected, than that they readily adopt other creeds and other sects?

4th. When the Shorter Catechism was taught in the family and school parents were more honored, teachers better obeyed, ministers of the gospel more respectfully treated, and the aged received more of the reverence due to riper years.

5. The family, the School, the community, the public at large, will benefit by a speedy return to the good old habit of "giving the questions" until every child becomes familiar with them, and be able to repeat them whenever called upon; and by a knowledge of them, when in foreign lands give a reason for the hope that is in them.

Parents are oft ashamed to speak to or with their children of the things that pertain to godliness! Why should they be ashamed to do for their children what they solemnly vowed to do? Parent, is not this the secret of your diffidence and shame, *that your children know that that your own life and Conversation is a continual contradiction of what you occasionally urge upon them as a duty—Example first then precept.*

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