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At Mother's Knee.

At mother's knee—that is where the little ones of the home should learn their first lessons about the Saviour and His love; where they should first be taught

the love of God! Schoolmasters and mistresses can do much; clergy and pastors and Sunday-school teachers can do much. But they cannot take a mother's place in the training of



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prayers to God; and where the first lessons of their privilege and duty as 'children of the Heavenly King' should be shown them.

How great an opportunity mothers miss who do not themselves teach their little ones of

her little ones in the things of God. Many a man and many a woman must in after-life thank God for the lessons they so learned, and for the habit of prayer which was then begun. —'Light in the Home.'

The Great Thing.

Let us cultivate this thought, that God is not only our Father, but a great King, with all the familiarity of little children will be mingled reverential awe. Wherever we go, we shall recollect the presence of God, and this will prevent us from the spirit which is betrayed into extravagant speech. We shall not dream of using words which come within

the scope of our Lord's condemnation when we remember that every word is spoken in the presence of our Judge, and that of every idle word that we may speak we shall be called to account.

All harsh judgments of other people, who are God's creatures; all flippant reference to Scripture to spice our conversation, and suggest witticisms and conundrums; all light remarks on God's dealings with men, as in a

book once published, called, 'The Comic History of England'; all trifling with sacred subjects, or exposing them to ridicule—will be impossible to those who invest them with the thought that God is great, and greatly to be feared, and to be had in reverence by all that are about Him. The reverent use of the Day of God, the entrance with devout and sacred thoughts into His House, the wary and careful participation in the Lord's Supper, the loving handling of Scripture, and even of the Book which contains it, the honor with which parent and friend, old and young are treated—all these admirable and beautiful traits, so necessary to the perfecting of character, are due to the same origin and source. When God is treated as the Great King, the whole life falls into symmetry and order, and becomes a prolonged Yea to truth, a profound Nay to falsehood and error.—Meyer.

Seeing Things Rightly.

There is a right way and a wrong way of looking at almost everything. Spiritual discernment is a very important grace; for many of our joys and many of our sorrows proceed from our method of looking at those things which concern our peace. Salvation depends upon a right view of Jesus Christ. The difference between the impenitent sinner and the same person after he is regenerated, is that he looks at Christ with a new eye, and has discovered him to be the very Saviour and guide that he needs.

But there is no direction in which we are apt to make more egregious mistakes than when we look to our Heavenly Father's providential dealings. Some Christians are betrayed into a heathenish habit of talking about 'good luck' and 'bad fortune,' and using other expressions that convey the idea that human life is a mere game of chance. Blind unbelief may be expected to err, and to scan God's work as either a riddle or a muddle. A Christian who has had his eyes opened ought to know better than to make such mistakes. Yet how prone we are to regard many of God's dealings in a wrong light and to call them by wrong names. We speak of things as afflictions, which are really great blessings under a dark disguise. We often congratulate people on getting what turns out to be a dangerous snare or a lamentable loss. Quite as often we condole with them over blessings more precious than gold.

Be careful how you condole with a man who has lost his money and saved his character, and be equally careful how you congratulate a man who has made a million dollars at the expense of his religion. A severe sickness has often brought recovery to a sinner's soul, and suffering often works out for a Christian an exceeding weight of glory. Let us learn to see things rightly and call them by their right names. Then we shall not put funeral palls over rich blessings, or decorate temptations with garlands of roses. Let us all ask God to open our eyes, and give us spiritual discernment. Then we shall discover that this life is only a training-school for a higher and a better one; then we shall see a Father's smile behind the darkest cloud, and at the end of the