

from the fact that modern writers invariably appeal to it as the only source of information respecting those times. The famous Dr. Miller must himself have done so, or he would have rejected it in a body instead of committing so many forgeries on the weight of its authority. No man will adulterate that which he deems already below adulteration, in order to make it marketable. The greatest rogue in being would not counterfeit bad money.—We should be pleased to see the Watchman, and those who copy him, publish the *genuine* Epistles of Ignatius, together with the *primitive proof* of their authenticity. It would form an admirable comment on his cry of popery against the Sentinel.

FOR THE CHRISTIAN SENTINEL.

EXAMPLE OF CHRIST.—No. III.

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.—1 Pet. ii. 21.

Though there are some things in the life of our blessed Lord which cannot be the proper subjects of imitation by us; yet in treating of his example they may be profitably dwelt on as the subjects of pious contemplation and grateful remembrance. And since he prepared himself for giving us a pattern of godliness by first taking upon him our humanity, let us behold him on his first entrance into the world. In tracing him through the varied scenes and duties of life, let us begin with him at the breast of his Virgin mother, and follow him to the house appointed for all living.

He came to give us a suffering example, as well as "to be a Prince and Saviour," and therefore he placed himself in the very entrance and first beginning of human life. "It became him to be made in all things like unto his brethren." Helpless are the children of Adam on their entrance into this world, the object of pity, anxiety, and care. The hand of kindness must ever hold them in its keeping, and the eye of parental solicitude must constantly watch for their safety, and both paternal and maternal providence must be "forecasting devices" for coming necessity. No sooner was "God manifest in the flesh," than his chosen protector must arise by might, and take the young child and his mother, and flee for their lives into a strange land. The kings of the earth take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed; and their design must be frustrated—not by the forms of Justice—not by appeal to the protecting hand of public rule,—nor yet by a display of Almighty power,—but as a thief would hide himself from his pursuers under the friendly mantle of darkness. They that would live godly in this present world must prepare to suffer persecution. Why not, when their great exemplar and pattern was hunted for his life as soon as his advent was known? Is the disciple better than his Lord, that he should plead exemption from the condition of a pupil?

But here we see that the Lord Jesus has consecrated and made honorable the human condition even in its most helpless and pitiable circumstances. What a lesson of encouragement is here furnished to every pious parent. Poor heart-stricken Joseph and Mary, while flying from the bloody hand of cruel ambition, and going down to Egypt, were entrusted with a charge—ah, how beyond computation precious! Lone and forsaken as they might seem, yet were they saving alive the life of a dying world! Doubtless "the angel of the Lord" cheered them on their toilsome journey, while "THE JOY OF GRIEF" sprung up in their hearts like "the day-spring from on high"—the visitation of the holy Comforter! While fleeing from cruelty and injustice, they carried with them the Lord of mercy and truth! While toiling along the lonely way of the desert, they were commissioned with the safe keeping of the way by which a lost and guilty world must return to light and life! And are not other parents also entrusted with a valuable charge, while they "plod their weary way" through this hostile world? That life which is precious in the parental eye, and dear to the parental heart, can be preserved only by continual watchfulness and care. It is God's will that children should become men; but yet the *preserving of life* is but a small part of a parent's duty. There is a life beyond this world

infinitely more valuable than this mortal life can be. For its final attainment there is a peculiar provision necessary; and the preservation of infant life ought to be coupled in the parents' mind with the unfading glories of immortality. The infancy of the blessed Jesus should remind the fond parent of the reason of his coming into the world, and press home the responsibility of his charge, and the reason there is to "train up a child in the way he should go." Existence is no blessing unless accompanied with happiness. Happiness cannot ultimately be obtained unless in the favour of God. That favour cannot be found except in his fear and love. These are not the spontaneous production of the human heart; but are implanted by the grace of Christ, and brought to maturity "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." That grace is purchased by "the holy Child Jesus," and imparted through faith in his name, and instruction in his holy law.

What then is the parents' first duty to his child? Remembering the tender infancy of the spotless lamb of God, and the cause of his being "made man," and why he "gave himself for us," he will return his tender offspring back to him who gave it. He will remember the holy covenant of grace, and in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost he will devote him to the perpetual service of the living God. And since God cannot be served in ignorance of his will, his character, his law, and the high destiny of those who serve him in truth, the godly parent will prepare to discharge his imperious duties by training up his children in fear of the Lord.

The fond mother, as she watches over the helpless one, and drops on its sleeping face the tear of affection in view of the dangers of life, has indeed many reasons to be thankful. She is not called upon, as was "the mother of Jesus," to arise by night and flee from the hand of cruel jealousy to save its precious life. It is true that the little innocent has entered into a state of being where there is peril at every step; and that in itself there is a latent seed of sin which may bring forth eternal death. But yet there is an ample remedy. There is a Saviour ready to save. He has set up in this world a kingdom of righteousness which shall live and flourish in eternal glory when this world is no more. This kingdom is for the reception of all such little ones, to be for them a school of celestial virtue, and to prepare them for citizenship in it when it becomes triumphant, and its glory is complete. The King hath said: Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not. Well then may the mother weep tears of holy gratitude over her little babe, and in the strength of a praiseworthy faith, pledge the solemn vow to watch the dawning of its understanding, and the first openings of its intellect, and teach it the way of God, and its stake in the kingdom of grace before it is led astray by the wiles of Satan, and the snares and temptations of a wicked world. God has pledged a double security to such as in their tender years are well instructed in his law. For when truth has the first occupancy of the soul, and the works of truth are formed into a habit, the heart will learn to love what the mind and will is exercised upon, and what the understanding cannot fail to approve; and the wily enemy will have to encounter and overcome habit, principle, the fear and the grace of God, before he can hope for a triumph. Let it then be the first ambition of parents to establish their children in the truth, that God may establish them in his grace.

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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

SPEECH

Of His Excellency the Governor in Chief on opening the first Session of the Fourteenth Provincial Parliament.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The convening of a New Parliament which has been rendered necessary by the death of His late Majesty, and my own recent appointment to this Government, are circumstances which would have made it desirable to call you together at an earlier period; but I have been induced to defer doing so, until the correspond-