

only tend to stir up strife, should, except on every rare occasions, be avoided ; and when found to be necessary in defending our doctrines or principles, should be set forth in a spirit of love, and with a due regard to the differing opinions of men on such subjects.

It is greatly to be feared that many persons have been lost to the Church for want of early religious training in her doctrines and worship ; and from want of that plain, practical, and faithful teaching and preaching, in after years, which is so essential to their present and future happiness. Such persons will tell you, that in early life they were members of the Church, having been duly baptized ; but that the *preaching* was so far above their comprehension, that they could not understand it ; and so, not being edified, they ceased to attend the Church's ministrations, and finally connected themselves with some other body of Christians. This shews the great necessity of adapting our discourses, as much as possible, to the capacity of our hearers. For, if the people do not understand what we say, they cannot be edified ; and if not edified, they will soon become weary of attending our ministrations, and grow cold and negligent in their religious duties.

And herein we may see the great value and importance of early religious training in sound Church principles. It is by this means that the youthful members of our Church shall become pious and devout in their lives, and affectionately attached to our doc-