

up men that say so? And is it christian parents who countenance such notions by their example?

Verily, according to them, religion is a matter to which no man would attend, were he not afraid of hell; a thing that he would not love for its own sake, and for His sake who is the author of it. If there is any thing which can remove that unhappiness which man is born an heir to; if there is any thing which can bring back his lost peace of mind; if there is any thing which can restore the original happy balance amongst his passions and affections, it is giving to God his proper place in the heart: and that doing so will make either man or child dull and cheerless is what every christian knows to be false.

The training up of children in the way they should go is a duty which requires much care and long perseverance, but as a compensation for all this, there is every reason to believe that wise measures, judiciously followed up will be successful. Solomon says, "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." This may be regarded as a statement which will turn out true in the great majority of instances. Upon the word of the wisest of men the greatest dependance may confidently be placed. The implanting of a right principle sufficient to control the whole man, and commending itself to his judgment and his conscience—and that principle strengthened by habit and recommended by the happiness with which it is invariably attended, is doing all that can be done to ensure success in the training of children.

To say that such an education will be generally successful, is saying, perhaps, all that can be said. But there is certain ground for believing that it may be carried much nearer to *universally* successful than most persons seem to be aware. While it is admitted that there are some natures so crossgrained as to bid defiance to the best directed efforts, yet it is believed that the number of these is by no means great. Those who are usually ranked amongst the *untameable* ought, in most instances, to be classed amongst the *peculiar*; and if, instead of rigidly adhering to one uniform mode, such variations were resorted to as might meet their peculiar case, it is believed that, very few would be found who would remain unaffected by a judicious and discriminating training. Parents are very apt to lay upon their children the blame, which is due only to their own want of judgment and perseverance. Were the great business of rightly training children duly attended to, such a reformation would soon be effected in society, as would make, what now appears to many the dreamings of enthusiasm, fall short of the reality.

But while the heart warms in contemplating such results, we must be careful not to expect from training, effects that do not belong to it. Some have carried their views so far, as to maintain that, every parent may have his children become pious if he pleases. Piety, in the true sense of the word is the work of God. It exists in those minds only that are regenerated by the spirit of God. The power and the value of training