

them tenderly, continuously, prayerfully—and who knows but that you may give joy to Heaven, by bringing the prodigal back to his father?

*Care also for the Children.* You may not have any natural inclination for this work, but you are bound to do it if you would be successful in your stewardship. I am satisfied that the children of Methodism have been greatly neglected. It is one of our weak places—a weak place, almost necessarily resulting from our organization. A stationary minister knows his lambs, and is known of them. He offers them to God in baptism, and is the guide of their youth. He is in close, and tender, relationship to them, at the most sensitive, and impressionable, age; and, as the natural result, they grow up with a love and reverence for him that they cannot give to strangers. We have to sacrifice a great deal of this for the invaluable blessing of the itinerancy. But still our interest, and duty, should lead us to endeavour to minify this disadvantage to the smallest possible degree. Get to know the children of your people, go out of the way to show sympathy with them. Interest yourselves in their amusements, and employments. Talk to them about their reading, help them in their difficulties, and encourage them in every possible way to regard you as their friend.

Be sure and hold in all your Circuits a Saturday afternoon children's meeting. Make it interesting; have plenty of singing, and don't keep them long. If there is a Day-school in your Circuit, visit it regularly. Let the children feel that it is a Methodist establishment. In this way you will secure the interest of the children, and every right-minded teacher will give you a hearty welcome.

Give special attention to the Sunday schools. You will find this of great advantage; visit them as often as possible, and prepare your addresses carefully. If you can secure the attention of children, you will never fail with adults.