

A WORD TO CHRISTIAN PARENTS.

DEARLY BELOVED IN CHRIST.

Consider you have the charge of souls as well as ministers, and if you do your part, the work of ministers will be easy to them. How pleasant will it be to preach to those that are prepared before by their parents' teaching! O parents! the laws of God and nature, and your engagements at baptism, bind you to be faithful in the education of your young ones. Are you careful to provide for the maintenance of their dying bodies, and will you provide nothing for their souls that must live eternally? O parents! pray for, and with them, and let them see how earnest you are for their souls' well-being. When they come to years, tell them of the vows you took on you at baptism in their name. Warn them against restricting themselves to their forms of prayer, and tell them to be adding and using new words and expressions of their own framing. O parents! as you would not have them meeting you at God's tribunal with curses against you, be careful now to instruct them in the knowledge of God, and their duty towards Him, their misery by nature, and their need of Jesus Christ. But, O mothers! it is for you mainly that this little book is directed. Children are mostly about your hand in their tender years. The impressions they receive from you do ordinarily abide with them afterwards. You travailed in pain at their first birth; O let your souls travail in pain for their second birth, that as they are your children by nature, so they may be God's children by grace, instruments of His praise, heirs of grace, and vessels of glory.

A WORD TO CHILDREN.

MY DEAR CHILDREN.

I beseech you, in God's name, to remember your Creator and Redeemer in the days of your youth. Believe it there is no sweeter music in the ears of God than the prayers of young ones.