

### The Children of Christians.

There seems to be a most affecting and certain connection established between the piety of parents and the early conversion of their children and their personal consecration of themselves to God. In this God emphatically and manifestly shows himself a covenant God, saying to the believing parent, "I will be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. Carrying out the spirit of this covenant promise, He gives the grace whereby, in the faithful use of appointed means, the child of the believing parent is led to receive and rest upon Christ for salvation, and to devote himself to the service of God.

A striking instance of this has just come to light in one of the Theological Seminaries of the United States. Of nineteen young men who are in one class, preparing for the ministry, and are shortly to be licensed, as they are in the last year of their course, seven are the sons of parents both of whom professed faith in Christ. Six more are sons of parents, one of whom was a professing Christian, and the six remaining were from families where neither parents made any profession. Two thirds, thus, of the whole number were the children of believing parents, and being thus under the special care of a covenant God, are led early to embrace the Saviour and seek to prepare for his service in the highest and best of all senses. Truly it is a privilege to have christian parents, and truly in this fact christian parents have ground for encouragement concerning their children. Only let them do their duty, have closet prayer and family worship, teach faithfully the forms of sound words, and . . . before them a godly example, and God will early show that He has in them a seed to serve Him.

### The Lord will have his Own.

An earnest worker, in referring to what is rare in our new churches, "withholding more than is meet" for the building of the sanctuary, says:

"If we refuse to give when God asks, he will in some way, and that speedily, take it from us. In proof of this position, let me mention one illustration. We called on a church member who ought to have contributed at least two hundred dollars towards the erection of our sanctuary, but instead of contributing this amount, he would not, and has not paid one dollar towards the erection of our church edifice. Is he to-day richer by withholding that amount? No, the Lord has taken that amount and more than that amount from him since. Last summer when we were in great need of

money, and were soliciting and collecting all that we could, and he knew it but still refused, he lost two fine young horses.—They died standing in the stable without any apparent cause."

### Let them Alone.

Beware of bad books, because if *you*, and others like you, *will let them alone, they will soon cease to be published.* Every such book you buy encourages the guilty publisher to make another. Thus you not only endanger your own morals, but pay a premium on the means of ruining others.

### Attentiveness.

How much more we might make of our family life, of our friendships, if every secret thought of love blossomed into a deed! We are not now speaking merely of personal caresses. These may or may not be the best language of affection. Many are endowed with a delicacy, a fastidiousness of physical organization, which shrinks away from too much of these, repelled and overpowered. But there are words, and looks, and little observances, thoughtfulnesses, watchful little attentions, which speak of love, which make it manifest, and there is scarcely a family that might not be richer in heart-wealth for more of them.

It is a mistake to suppose that relations must, of course, love each other because they are relations. Love must be cultivated, and can be increased by judicious culture, as wild fruits may double their bearing under the hand of a gardener, and love can dwindle and die out by neglect, as choice flower-seeds planted in poor soil dwindle and grow single.—*Atlantic.*

**KEEP A LIST.**—Keep a list of your friends: and let God be first in the list, however long it may be. Keep a list of your sins: and let the sin of unbelief be set down as the first and the worst of all.

### NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

#### ERRATA,

Messrs. EDITORS,—I observe in my article reviewing "Christian Hymnology," in the June Record, a number of typographical errors; some of them are too important to be overlooked. You will please insert in the Record of the Home and Foreign Mission for July, the following corrections.

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