

1st. *The faithfulness of our covenant-keeping God*, who hath said to the believing parent, "I will be a God to thee, and to thy seed after thee."

A very large proportion of these holy men were the *children of believers*. Were this question put to the 2653 ministers now labouring in connection with Congregational churches throughout the British dominions and missions, undoubtedly the testimony of experience would be overwhelming to the effect that God's grace has not only prevailed, but that His special gifts and callings have followed in a remarkable degree, where parental piety and diligence had prepared the rising generation for the service of God. The household of believers have chiefly supplied the men and women whom God has made polished shafts and foundation stones for His spiritual temple.

2nd. *The inestimable advantage of being early brought to Christ*. Many of these devoted men were converted in their youth; some at a very tender age. For instance, the Rev. A. Ewing was the subject of a saving change while yet a child of 10 years. At that tender age he and a number of other boys, among whom was the well-known David Nasmith, used to meet to pray for the conversion of their companions. The Rev. J. Kinns, at the very early age of six, through the blessing of God on the influence of a pious mother, had become a christian boy, and loved secret prayer. At the age of 12, his father died, on which occasion he knelt by the bed-side of his dying parent to pray for him. The early foundation of christian character, and the early shaping of plans for a life of christian usefulness, had much to do with the fruitfulness of many of these deceased ministers. Let us who, as parents or pastors, have the religious training of the young, labour and pray earnestly for their *early conversion*, in order that their lives may yield more abundant fruits.

3rd. *The cumulating power of a permanent ministry faithfully fulfilled*. Many of these veterans were in their several spheres pillars of the truth, not by mental superiority, but by purity of life, and patient continuance in well-doing. Men devoted to their Master's work, who, like Cornelius Berry, John Carter, David Davies, Evan Jones and others, remained among the people of their first love for more than half a century, possessed an influence among them that no other man could exert, however gifted. But these reflections must be closed, for our reader's patience has been fully exercised.

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, write—Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

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## BEFORE THE LOYALISTS.

### CHAPTER IX.—THE TWO BARTHOLOMEW DAYS, ASHLEY COOPER. AND THE OVERTHROW OF THE CHARTERS.

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There are two Bartholomew days of history, the Black Bartholomew and the Second Bartholomew, the first in 1572, the second in 1662. They had both an important bearing on the settlements of the new world. An account of the first will be found in French history, the second in English. The edict for the first was signed by Charles the Ninth, urged on by a Roman