

FATHER AND MOTHER

I want to say his conclusion was wrong; I did not wait till my child was dying to offer him to God, but did so the day he was born, and held him there by prayer every day of his life.'"

In such a home the life of a child, though short, is not in vain. It is length of days that endangers the success of the mission and destiny of our children. The short life, that ends in childhood, has not failed. As the human being, it has lived, and suffered, and died, and through it all goes back to God, a blood-washed soul, to glorify, for all eternity, its blessed Redeemer. A child has entered "in through the gates into the city," having "right to the tree of life."

The shortest life of a child to its parents is not in vain. It has enriched for them life's memories. A new love has been born in their hearts. Another heart-chord is strung in the harp of praise to the Lord of life and death, and who is the resurrection. The affections of father and mother cluster about a little treasure in God's keeping, they are honored by being parents of a child in heaven. Part of themselves is already glorified in the immediate presence of Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and whose presence is the light of the city of God.

Yet there are greater blessings and honor for the father and mother to whom are given the grace of faithfulness in duty to living,