

world. Beneath the great, girdling heavens above us, there is nothing which demands at the hands of the Church such prayerful attention, self-denying labor, and constant care as the religious nurture of the boy, and there is no field where seed is sown for Christ which will be more likely to bring forth fruit an hundredfold.

John Wesley says in his Journal, under date of August 25th, 1763: "I was more convinced than ever that the preaching like an Apostle without joining together those that are awakened, and training them up in the ways of God, is only begetting children for the murderer." This is strong language, but it is the calm conclusion of a man who knew the meaning of his words, and who was quick to discover any secret of strength in carrying on the work of God. Let us frustrate the murderer's deadly design, by throwing the arms of loving oversight and unremitting care around the lambs of the flock. If we are faithful in this work, unnumbered blessings will rest upon our memory long after we have ceased to work and live.

" In the elder days of art
 Builders wrought with greatest care
 Each minute and unseen part ;
 For the gods are everywhere.