

because of the future of the child to himself—the joy or misery that he may experience—we ought to care for him. In the Christian boy you have an infinite progression of terms. The boy who has not a Christian training lives a miserable life and dies a miserable death. Then, again, because of what the child may be to the family. Eli's sons and Joseph's children are opposite illustrations. The Christian songs our children bring home bring blessings to the families. The daughter of a drunken infidel in Boston, who had been at Sunday-school, was singing "Jesus loves me." The father heard it and asked the child to sing it for him. His heart was touched, and both father and mother were led to Christ by the singing of the little girl. Then again, because of what children may do in society and in the nation we ought to engage in this work. Home is the first place. There life begins, language is learned, habits are formed. There proper literature should be had. The child who, when the father ordered liquor at dinner, said, "I will take what father takes," is an example of the training of our homes. No reason why children should not do as their parents do. Children should be taken to church. If told before going to church that they would be asked about the sermon we would be surprised to know how much they remembered. Moreover, if ministers saw fifty or a hundred children before them they would likely put something in the sermon to interest the young folks. The old woman who heard Dr. Guthrie could not remember the text of the sermon, but it did her good, as she said the water and the soap made the clothes clean though there was no soap or water left in them. Not only are the legislators of the future in the boys of our schools to-day, but the criminals, the drunkards and the drunkards' wives of the future are in our schools to-day also. Children are seeds that may develop into weeds or immortelles; they are as the stream that shall mingle with the river of life or with the sea of fire.

#### HOW TO ENGAGE THE WHOLE CHURCH IN THE WORK OF BIBLE STUDY.

REV. H. M. PARSONS, of Knox Church, Toronto, dealt with this topic. He said: I fancy the angels who are filling this house in the space above us are anxious to hear such a question uttered—as if the whole Church were not engaged in it and delighted with it. Reasons were given by the last speaker why we should be interested in the children. The question that follows this is an answer. In my boyhood a gentleman came to Springfield to open a record that had been made ten years before—a pledge to total abstinence of all who would enrol. The names were read out in a large meeting like this. Name after name was read of young men who were known to be on the high road to ruin. Church members and officers whose names were on that roll were known to be moderate drinkers? It was because

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