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tion. Consider well ; and view the case in all its bearings ; lest that, by resting your plea for delaying to bring your children to God in baptism, you may be leaning upon a broken reed, which may sooner or later pierce your hand, and leave you pain and trouble instead of, as you expected, spiritual support and comfort. Forget not at any time that religion is a plant of slow growth, and requires much time and attention in order to bring it into a state of vigorous strength. It is like a mustard seed, which is the least of all seeds, but which in time will grow up and flourish ; exercising a wholesome influence over every feeling, and passion, and affection, of the natural heart. Lose no time, therefore, in contributing your share of labour and attention in order to sow this promising seed in the infant minds of your children. Let no reason or argument, however plausible, divert your thoughts from the praiseworthy object. Remember that by delay you risk every thing : you risk the salvation of your offspring ; you risk the duty which, as Christians and as parents, you indubitably owe to them. By compliance, you will have the satisfaction of reflecting that you have done every thing in your power for their spiritual welfare ; and that you follow the practice of the great majority of the Christian world. The means of salvation are within your reach ; they are offered to yourselves and your children. This being the case, call to mind the words of the Apostle, "how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation," and be well assured, that the means of salvation which Christ himself has appointed cannot be overlooked without sin,—without being subject to the punishment which God has denounced against the children of disobedience.