

MARRIAGE

in home and in church, the father and mother unitedly "train up the child in the way it should go."

Sometimes, without the reason being plain to human sense, this privilege of training a soul for God is cut short. It is said that "one-third of the human family die in infancy." Had we time, we could point out many reasons why this may be the result of Divine wisdom. For one thing, it demonstrates both the life-giving and soul-saving power of our heavenly Father. It is enough for the Christian believer, when bereaved of a child, to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

A notable evangelist, to a large audience, repeated a story told by the late D. L. Moody, of a man watching by the sick bed of his little five-year-old son. "The child said, 'Papa, take me up'; the father took him in his arms. The little fellow said, 'Hold me higher, papa,' and he held him up level with his shoulders. Again the child said, in feebler voice, 'Hold me higher, papa.' The father held him as high as he could reach for a moment, and then lowered the little quiet form and looked upon a bit of lifeless clay: his boy had fled. 'It seems to me,' said Mr. Moody, 'that man had given his child to God in that lifting up.' At the close of the meeting, a white-haired gentleman of religious culture approached the evangelist and said: 'I am the father of whom Mr. Moody spoke, and