

of their influence upon their children and so arouse them to live for this one thing—their children—she might readily afford to relax largely her efforts in other directions.

“Come,” says the greatest Scotch preacher of to-day, from his throne in Free St. George’s—“Come, all ye who are fathers and mothers, come and let us take counsel together as to how we are to bring up our children to virtue and Godliness and everlasting life. Let us read all holy writ on this subject together, and after holy writ all other good and true books that in any way bear upon this supreme subject. Let us set ourselves to gather together all our experience and all our observation, and let us counsel and correct and comfort one another concerning this one thing that we do, our children. Let us take time to it, and pains and pursue it until we succeed in it. Let us search the Scriptures up to the top and down to the bottom for this pearl of great price. Let us set on one side all the fathers and mothers in Israel to whom God hath ever said “I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and that they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him.” And then let us set on the other side David and all those fathers and mothers on whom the Lord took vengeance and said, “Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from thine house.” Let us collect into a secret and solemn book all such instances and let us, husband and wife, minister and people, and one anxious parent with another, let us meet together and confer together, and pray together, saying, “This one thing will we ask.” Why do men and women combine and consult together about everything else but the thing in which so many are ignorant, so stupid, and so full of fatal mistakes?

If such exhortations were addressed from all our pulpits to all our people, and if being heard and laid to heart all ministers and parents labored together for the young, the first and most difficult part of the problem of the Church and the young would be solved.