

we should attain such a knowledge of God's will as in that short Catechism is contained?

We quote from the preface to "Peep of Day":—

"Suppose, then, a father compelled to leave his wife and child and to sojourn in a distant land. In parting he commits the unconscious infant to the care of the mother, and thus expresses the feelings of a father's heart: 'I know not when I shall return; the time may be near or far distant. This is my earnest request, that whenever I do, I may find my child acquainted with my love for it, and is prepared to love me. Inspire it, if possible, with a desire to please me, and mould its character in conformity to my views. To the ingenuity of your affection I confide the task.'

"How would the mother betake herself in pursuance of this request? Would she take the letters of the father, *written to herself*, and *read them to the child* while yet its faculties were hardly unfolded? Would she not fear by this method producing weariness and disgust? Much less would she attempt by a series of written questions and answers, to be learnt by heart, as a task, to interest the child in its father. Nor would she content herself by giving a general description of his goodness."

"Would not a mother, thus circumstanced, often talk to the child of its father in language *suitcd to its capacity*, relate anecdotes of his virtue, such as the child could comprehend, repeat the gracious sayings he had uttered, yet translating them into language intelligible to the child? How carefully would she guard against producing confusion by entering into complicated

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