

it ! How vainly did he wish that he had thought sooner of these things ! But, unhappily, with all his dread, repentance came not : his heart, hardened by prosperity, and unused to pray, could only entreat that he *might not die*.—*Three days and three nights did he spend in an arm-chair*, refusing to go to bed, as if he thought death would come *there* the sooner ; and, so dreadful were his fears, and his ravings of terror, that no one could stay in his room for many minutes together, except his poor wretched mother, in whose bosom, his arms clasped tight round her neck, in an agony of despair, he breathed his last.

Parents, whose children are still young, think of this *true story* ! Think of the misery of seeing your child die in *such a state* ! Fancy you hear him accusing you, as poor Richard's heart-broken mother several times heard him accusing her, as *the cause* of such distress.—And, now, let me again ask what you can best do to secure the happiness of your children ? What, but train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. How gladly would the wretched parents, of whom I have been writing, have given all the learning and all the riches of their darling child for one ray of Christian hope in his dying hour. !

Mothers ! to whom the early care of children generally falls, teach them from their first childhood, to serve and obey the God who created them ;—to believe in, and to love, the Saviour, who died for them ;—to pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to sanctify and renew their hearts, that in this life they may have that peace, which *Religion alone* can give, and that, in the hour of death, they may have the blessed hope to rise through the merits of their Redeemer, to the joys of his heavenly kingdom !

Christian Mothers ! deny not to the children of your love such happiness ;—impress upon their young minds the blessed truths of your Bible ; teach them by your example, as well as by your precepts, to consider it as their greatest treasure, and pray *with* them, and *for* them, that you may be enabled there to learn “ the way, the truth, and the life.”

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THINGS NOT IN ORDER.

1. To stand before the church door before service.
2. To engage in any kind of conversation, even religious, between the time of your going in and the commencement of worship. That interval should be spent in composing the thoughts for the solemnities of the approaching services.
3. To salute persons coming in, by bowing, smiling, etc. It is profanation.
4. To look around to catch the eye of a friend, and smiling at any remark from the pulpit.