

frequent changes of residence and the absorbing labours of a new country so greatly interfere with the regular and faithful discharge of the duties of household piety. Permit us, dear friends, to warn you against this danger, and by the love of the Saviour and of your children, to entreat you to suffer nothing to prevent your filling the place in which the God of families has placed you. No interest or pursuit in life is paramount in importance to this: nor should this be sacrificed to any artificial or imagined necessity. Let family worship be steadily maintained in every house; let the father and mother, in person, regularly teach the children from the Holy Scriptures; let the whole life and discipline of the household be brought into accordance with the word of God; let Pastors and Teachers feel that parents are heartily with them in their work; and let the blessing of God be sought, and His covenant promises be pleaded, in effectual, fervent, and believing prayer. Only thus can we hope to resist the enemy coming in like a flood upon the rising generation, in this our day. We live in a time distinguished by insatiable greed for wealth, profuse indulgence in amusement and dissipation, and all-disturbing scepticism,—a time, too, and a country, in which the young are tempted to assert a premature and lawless independence, to the greatest detriment of their own behaviour in the family, the Church and the State. The Church and the School will not prove a sufficient break-water against this flood, without the co-operation of parents. It is upon the individual labour of each father and mother, in "every family apart," that we must rely to preserve the light and power of Christianity in our own day, and to transmit it to the times that shall follow. Now we "beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation;" "we commend you to God, and to the word of His grace;" and may every one of you be able, at the last Great Day, to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, and say of your family what He will say of "the whole family in heaven and in earth," "Behold I and the children which God hath given me!"

In addressing a few words, next, to the pastors of the several churches in our land, we do so in the grateful assurance that the cause of the young is already appreciated by them, and is dear to their hearts. The labours undertaken by so many of them in their own charges, in family visitation, in Bible Classes, in the preparation of Teachers, in conducting or visiting Sabbath Schools, and in preaching to the young, are continual manifestations of their interest in the great work; while their attendance, in such large numbers, at the recent Convention, repeated the same testimony. We know that many would be oftener and do more in the schools, but for the pressure of other public labours on the Lord's day. We ask you, fathers and brethren, to "increase more and more" in feeding the lambs of the flock, to carry them in your bosoms, like the Chief Shepherd, in your love, your thoughts, your prayers; to teach them, speak to them, pray with them, and win their souls in early youth to Christ. Many, who once shrank from the undertaking, have found that they could acquire the happy art of preaching to children, and no sermons have interested and instructed their adult

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