

all the influence of parental example may be beheld in the precious fruits of early religion. Or now, the influence of those instructions will be gradually overcome; the example of pious parents be forgotten, or at least disregarded. New principles will be imbibed, that may keep their hold for the rest of life; and a new course be entered upon, that leads to the dwellings of eternal death.

A parent about to apprentice a child should weigh the solemn consequences. Upon that step probably depends his eternal welfare or eternal ruin. On no account should a pious parent place his child in an ungodly family. Whatever inducements of connection, fortune, respectability, may be held out, all should be outweighed by the consideration that the situation has connected with it extreme danger of the ruin of the soul. Many a situation promises fair for this world, that would be ruinous as to the world to come. To place a child in a situation that would endanger his eternal interests, merely for the sake of some temporal advantage, is cruel in the extreme, however kindly designed. For what can compensate for the loss of heaven, and for the ruin of an immortal soul? It is to be feared that many pious parents, by want of proper care at this momentous period, have blasted all their fondest hopes respecting their beloved offspring; have counteracted, in the breasts of their children, all their previous instructions; have effaced the influence of their own example; and, by the fatal step of fixing their children, for the sake of worldly advantage, among those who knew not God, have, in truth, ruined them for ever. At home, their offspring had witnessed an edifying example, and received much pious instruction; but, in their new situations, these instructions have been forgotten, and perhaps ridiculed, and a different example has been presented to them. The contagion of evil is sooner felt than the influence of good; they have caught it: they have gained worldly good, but ungodliness and perdition with it. Parents who place their children in such circumstances, pursue the shadow, and lose the substance; grasp the good of a moment, and neglect the more exalted good of an eternity; raise their children to reputation or wealth for the brief span of life on earth, but sink them into hell for ever! Oh! shun this snare of the seducer. If he draw you into this, all your preceding efforts for your children's happiness will probably be marred. If your children have to remove from beneath your roof, place them where God is loved, where his worship is maintained, where his day is honoured, and where the influence of a master's example and instruction shall be added to yours, in so training them, that, through the Saviour's merits and grace, you and yours, when days and years are passed, may meet in heaven.

CHEERFUL FIRESIDE.—Nothing makes the fireside so cheerful as a blessed hope beyond it. Even when you sit most lovingly there; though the daily task is completely done, and the infant in the cradle is fast asleep; though this is Saturday night, and to-morrow is the day of rest; though the embers are bright, and from its fat and popping fountain in yon coal, the jet of gas flames up like a silver scimeter; and though, within your little chamber, all is peace, and warmth, and snug repose; the roaring gusts and rattling drops remind you that it still is winter in the world. And when that withered leaf tapped and fluttered on the window, mother, why was it that your cheek grew pale, and something glistened in your eye? You thought perhaps it might come from the church-yard sycamore, and it sounded like a messenger from little Helen's grave. It said, "father and mother, think of me." Yes, dreary were the homes of earth, were it not for the home in heaven. But see to it that yourselves be the Saviour's followers, and then to you he says: "Let not your heart be troubled! In my Father's house are many mansions: I go to prepare a place for you." And when you come to love that Saviour rightly, you will love one another better, more truly, and more tenderly. And, trusting to meet again in

that world where they neither marry nor are given in marriage, a purifying hope and a lofty affection will hallow your union on earth. And, if not inscribed above your mantel-shelf, there will at least be written in your deepest self, the motto sent to his bride by that illustrious scholar Bengal:

"Jesus in heaven;
Jesus in the heart;
Heaven in the heart;
The heart in heaven."

—Happy Homes.

A few hours before going to press, we received the following notice, which we are compelled to place on our last page:

ORDINATION.

The Baptist churches of East Flamboro and Binbrook invited sister churches to send ministers and delegates to sit in council, on Wednesday, the 24th March, in the house of brother Geo. Fearnley, to examine, and, if thought proper, to set apart brother Job Moxsom to the Gospel ministry.

The council having met, after singing and prayer, Elder Clarke of St. George, was appointed Moderator, and brother T. Sheldrick, Clerk.

After going through the usual examinations, it was voted unanimously that the candidate should be ordained.

Elder Clutton of Beverly, offered the ordination prayer; Elder Clarke of St. George, gave the charge to the candidate; Elder Clarke of Dundas, delivered the address to the church; hymn and benediction, by the candidate.

ELIJAH CLARKE, Moderator.

THOS. SHELDRIK, Clerk.

RULES FOR HOME INSTRUCTION.

The following rules contain thoughts which almost every parent needs to be reminded of frequently:—

1. From your children's earliest infancy, inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.
2. Unite firmness with gentleness. Let your children understand that you mean exactly what you say.
3. Never promise them anything, unless you are quite sure you can give them what you promise.
4. If you tell a little child to do something, show him how to do it, and see that it is done.
5. Always punish your children for wilfully disobeying you, but never punish them in anger.
6. Never let them perceive that they can vex you, or make you lose your self-command.
7. If they give way to petulance and temper, wait till they are calm, and then gently reason with them on the impropriety of their conduct.
8. Remember that a little present punishment, when the occasion arises, is much more effectual than the threatening of a greater punishment, should the fault be renewed.
9. Never give your children anything because they cry for it.
10. On no account allow them to do at one time what you have forbidden, under the same circumstances, at another.
11. Teach them that the only sure and easy way to appear good is to be good.
12. Accustom them to make their little recitals with perfect truth.
13. Never allow of tale-bearing.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED

By Applicants to the Regular Baptist Missionary Society of Canada for Aid.

I. Ministers applying to the Society for aid to enable them to supply destitute churches, must in their applications inform the Board:—

- 1st. Whether they are married or single.
- 2nd. State the number of their family dependent on them for support.
- 3rd. What salary they will require to sustain them, while giving themselves entirely to the work of the ministry.
- 4th. What proportion of the requisite amount can be raised on the field in which they intend to labour.
- 5th. What will be the lowest sum that will secure their services to the Society.

II. Individuals applying for aid, must forward with their applications, a resolution of the church or churches which they intend supplying, concurring in the application.

III. Churches applying, must state the number of their communicants, and the amount which they can raise amongst themselves, towards a missionary's salary.

IV. General remarks from applicants on the destination of the field, will be serviceable to the Board.

V. Missionaries employed by the Society will be expected to report quarterly to the Board.

VI. All applications and reports must be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, at least one week before a quarterly meeting of the Board.

By order of the Board,

JAMES PYPER,
Corresponding Secretary.

MARRIED.

On March 20, at the residence of J. Sampter, Esq., Georgetown, C. W., by the Rev. J. Clarke, Mr. J. S. Povah, to Miss. Jane Wright, both of the above place.

DIED.

At Farmersville on the 15th inst., Rev. Wm. Leech, in the 30th year of his age. After finishing his course of study in the Baptist College, Montreal, Mr. Leech settled with the Church, in Scotland, C. W., but for some time previous to his leaving that place, he was unable to preach from an infection of Bronchitis. On July last he removed to Farmersville and undertook the pastorate of the church there. He has preached regularly, though evidently with considerable difficulty, till about six weeks ago, when he was laid aside by his old complaint, which has ultimately terminated in consumption. Brother Leech was a good man; unostentatious in his manners; humble and circumspect in all his deportment. The savor he has left behind him is of the most favorable character; having lodged in the minds of all who knew him the conviction, that he felt what he spoke, and spoke because he believed. He has left a widow and two children to bear his loss. The funeral sermon was preached in the Methodist chapel (the Baptist Chapel being too small to accommodate the congregation) by the Rev. J. Cooper, of Brockville, from Col. i. 18., "Jesus is the first born from the dead." We committed his remains to the dust, there to lie "till morn," but we felt a sweet assurance that our brother was among the number, who sleep in Jesus, and who shall be with him and share his glory.—*Con.*

NOTICE.

THE BOARD OF THE REGULAR BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CANADA, will meet at BEAMSVILLE, on Wednesday the 14th instant, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Sermon by Elder A. DUNCAN.

JAMES PYPER,
Corresponding Secretary.

Toronto, April 1, 1851.