

the abyss; again to be succoured, till at last the rough but welcome nest is gained. All this once described to us by a frequent eye-witness of the scene, was familiar to Moses in his shepherd-days in Midian and embodied in the beautiful figure no doubt familiar to our readers: "As an eagle stirreth her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord alone did lead Jacob. . . . He made him ride on the high places of the earth that he might eat the increase of the fields."

The wise and good Creator who made such wondrous provision for the protection of seed of plant, and young of animal and also for their growth into the ways and habits of their kind has not left out of his far-seeing plan for the welfare of his creatures, some specific arrangements for the training of the young of that being that was made in his own image, and whose chief end is to glorify and enjoy him.

The instincts of the race, and its more matured reasonings, indicate with the clearness of noon-day that HOME is the true school for training youth in correct views of God and duty, and that godly parents are the very best of teachers in these high and holy themes.

In complete harmony with these instinctive sentiments and sober reasoning are the practice of the patriarchs and fathers and the dictates of the word of God on this subject. In Abraham, God recognizes and rewards the principle and practice of home and parental training. "And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall become a great nation and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him; for I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." One of the leading features of the national polity established by Moses—a polity which has conserved, in spite of dispersions and persecutions, till this day, the Jews in the religion and worship of their Fathers,—is *family instruction* in divine things by the parents, around the fireside, enjoined on the nation in words like these:—"And these words that I command thee this day shall be in thine heart; and