

TO THE READER.

✓ This little treatise is presented to the Christian public, with a hope that it may aid in promoting a deeper interest in the Christian nurture of "the children of the Church." It has not been written to support any special theory, or maintain any set of opinions, but with a sincere desire to "know the truth," and to present a scriptural view of this question of Relationship and Duty. To determine how all her available resources may be most successfully employed to secure the salvation of the young from the spiritual dangers which threaten them, is, in my opinion, the most important question demanding solution from the church of our day.

Whatever diversity of opinion may exist on speculative points, there is no room for difference respecting the necessity that exists for increased wisdom, earnestness, and self-denying effort to lead our youth in the morning of life, to a saving knowledge of Christ their Redeemer.

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