

formed and their affections are won by others. The different surroundings of a new country, the greater demand for personal service in the absence of domestic help, may account for the lack of discipline, reverence for and willing obedience to parents which at once strikes a new-comer from the old land, where it is pleasant to see the kindly relations generally existing in the christian home. Disregard or contempt of parental authority, sullen submission, inattention to a father or mother's known wishes, are more than childish failings, they are grave moral offences and sins against God, but which may be largely prevented by a judicious home rule, by the heads of the household manifesting a high-toned christian principle, which is not revealed by occasional words and deeds that may possibly be out of harmony with the general tone of life and character, but by general deportment, consistency, unswerving devotion to the right, untarnished loyalty to Christ, gentleness and loveliness of spirit, giving the family to feel while speech is silvery, the silent eloquence of a holy life is golden. It is a mistake of some fathers, owing to natural reserve, or a mistaken idea of dignity, that they never allow children to come near them; they love them sincerely, and are loved, but there is not the freedom of intercourse which is the charm of the happiest home circle. The son knows very little of his father's life outside of home. A young man nineteen years of age, by the circumstances of the late war made a constant companion of his father far from home, said to a friend, "The more I am acquainted with my father the better I like him. When a boy at home I thought he was a nice man, but I didn't know him much." Eighteen years had gone, and the son had only been favorably impressed with his father's character. The depths of that fountain were yet to be sounded, and the full and earnest love of a father's heart were yet to be learned. Surely that father's befitting confession is, "They made me keeper of the vineyards but my own vineyard have I not kept." Confidence in our children with discrimination into individual character is good ruling. Yet how oft is a uniform system of treatment served all round, just as the ordinary meals at table, squeezing dissimilar minds and hearts into exactly the same shaped moulds, until the growing strength bursts through these systems of education, and the son or daughter is in open

revolt against the parents who weep and marvel over the ingratitude from which they suffer. Parents do with their offspring what they would not do with their cattle. A man has a team of horses, one swift and impetuous, the other solid, sober, strong, but slow in pace. Does he put the heaviest into the lightest wagon? No, he sees the difference, and adapts the wagon and the work to the animal: yet if he had two sons as strongly differing in temperament and character, he would give each the same drill of education and introduce both to same kind of business. Rule at home by knowing the nature of the material in your hands, and make it what your conscience and God's law teach, by the sway of love, the exercise of forbearance, discrimination of character and respect for the rights of each member of your dwelling, making piety an attraction in daily deportment, and in the cheerful and bright season at the family altar. With the Bible as the torch to light the path and key to open the vistas of the future, you may live on in the enjoyment of the fact that you have found the most acceptable, profitable and abiding scheme of at least domestic Home Rule.

## News of the Churches.

KINGSTON, FIRST.—The annual meeting of Wellington Street church took place on the evening of the tenth of February, in Congregational hall. It was largely attended. Tea was served in the parlor at half past six, after which the company adjourned to the hall, where the meeting was presided over by the pastor, the Rev. S. N. Jackson, from whose annual review of church work we learn that the church and congregation had great reason for devout thankfulness to God for many mercies manifested to them, and for a good degree of prosperity which had attended their labours. On the 18th January, 1885, the Rev. Wm. Wetherald, of St. Catherines, conducted a series of evangelistic services, which were continued for about three weeks. Several were brought to a decision for Christ and united with the church, while the church generally received fresh impulse and a renewal of a spirit of consecration. One of the results of these meetings had been the formation of a woman's meeting for the study of the scripture and prayer, under the efficient conduct of Mrs. Saunders. The week night devotional meeting had been well attended and full of interest. On the first Wednesday of each month, collections had been made for Foreign missions amounting to \$29. The Sunday school work had been prosecuted with success, there being on the roll 170 children, with an average attendance of 118; and 24 teachers with an average attendance of twenty. The receipts were \$38.59 and disbursements \$59.49, leaving a balance, \$20 of which was voted by the school to the Canada