

practicable—and that submission should be required at least sometimes, on the sole authority of the parent, we would not give a rush for a submission which must be bought—to secure which the parent makes promises of gifts or rewards; nor is it safe to appeal only to the child's reason or judgment. That submission only is genuine which springs from a love and respect to the will and authority of the parent. As a cheerful submission is, perhaps, the most important virtue of a child, and the most conducive to the order and happiness of the family, so often it is the most difficult to secure. In some children it is like giving up the ghost. But it should be remembered, that, if not found in the child, it will seldom be found in the man; if not manifested in respect to the parent, it will seldom be manifested in respect to God. It was the highest honour of Christ, as a child, that He was "subject to His parents;" as it was His crowning glory in His manhood in view of the Cross and its agonies, that He said unto His Father, God—"Not My will, but Thine be done." And of all attainments in this sinful world, and of all evidences of true piety, submission to the will of God is the highest. "Said Dr Payson on a dying bed, "O, what a blessed thing it is to lose one's will! Since I have lost my will, I have found happiness. There can be no such thing as disappointments to me, for I have no desire but that God's will may be accomplished." He was on the verge of Heaven.

Let parents then by every wise and proper means secure the submission of their children to their own authority, as one means and an important preliminary to their children's submission to God, and their final happiness. The "disobedient to parents" an apostle classes with those against whom "the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven."

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Is slowly creeping o'er hill-top and vale,
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But the reapers are haggard and pale.

All haggard and worn with their wearisome toil,
Still they pause not, that brave little band,
Though soon their low pillows must be the strange
soil

Of that distant and grave-dotted strand.

For dangers uncounted are clustering there;
The pestilence stalks uncontrolled;
Strange poisons are borne on the soft, languid air,
And lurk in each leaf's fragrant fold.

There the rose never blooms on fair woman's wan
cheek,

But there's a beautiful light in her eye;
And the smile that she wears is so loving and
meek,

None can doubt it came down from the sky.

There the strong man is bowed in his youth's gold-
en prime,

But he cheerily sinks at his toil,
For he thinks of his sheaves, and the garnering
time

Of the glorious Lord of the soil.

And ever they turn, that brave, wan little band,
A long, wistful gaze on the west;

"Do they come, do they come from that dear dis-
tant land,

That land of the lovely and blest?

"Do they come? do they come? O, we're feeble
and wan,

And we're passing like shadows away,
But the harvest is white, and lo! yonder the dawn!

For labourers—for labourers we pray!

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