

there. "Come with us, dear friends, and we will do you good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

The Association above referred to, although largely composed of members of the Congregational church, is not denominational in its character, but has enrolled among its members, mothers connected with two or three of the other churches in the town. Its object is to quicken those who attend its meetings to a deeper sense of parental responsibility, and to assist them by the study of the scriptures, and mutual conference and prayer, in the fulfilment of maternal duty. Such a design faithfully carried out must commend itself to every Christian mother, and we are only surprised that such an association is not organized in every Christian community. We are in a position to testify to the most happy results that have accrued, under the Divine blessing, from the organization that has so long existed in Brantford. A very large proportion of the young people brought into the churches during the revival of last spring, were children of that band of praying mothers, whose earnest and believing supplications have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. "And shall not God avenge his own elect, who cry day and night unto him," on behalf of the yet unconverted ones, "though he bear long with them? I tell you," says the Master himself, "that he will avenge them speedily."

We should be very sorry, however, if any Christian *father*, taking advantage of the establishment of a Maternal Association in any case, should think himself absolved from his share of responsibility for the godly up-bringing of his family, and should endeavour to devolve it all upon the mother. It is upon the *father*, primarily, that the Bible lays that duty: "YE FATHERS, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. vi. 4.) It was Eli, not *his wife*, who was reprovèd for his neglect, "because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not." (1. Sam. iii. 13.) There must be a reason for this—let every Christian father search it out.

We cannot leave this subject without cordially commending a little monthly periodical long taken, and very highly esteemed by the members of the Brantford Maternal Association, called "*The Mother's Friend*," the object of which may be gathered from its title. There are several other publications of the same class, both English and American, and all of them, so far as we have seen them, of great merit and interest; but the one we have named is probably the best within easy reach of Canadian readers, and being obtainable for about the English subscription price,—one shilling sterling, or 25 cents, (30 cents including postage,) it ought to have a very large circulation among us. It may be obtained of Messrs. Copp, Clarke & Co., Toronto; or Mr. F. E. Grafton, Montreal. Send and get it at once.

## WOMAN'S PLACE AND POWER:—ANOTHER VIEW.

DEAR SIR,—As your paper (I suppose I should say our paper), has been used of late as a channel for some overflowing waves of dissatisfaction or discontent from my own sex, I think it but right that when we