

of the Holy of Holies, and the God-fearing obeisance due the nearer presence of the King of Kings.

These duties, if faithfully performed, seem the best means of preparing the child for the most sacred benefits of the Sabbath School; and under the influence of such a training, parent and child will regard the Sabbath as the day of the Lord, a delight, holy and honourable, and they are improving both for the life that now is and that which is to come.

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## Christian Miscellany.

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### PREACHING UP THE TIMES.

IN the life of Archbishop Leighton, we read that he was called to account by his Synod at one time for not "preaching up the times." "Who?" he asked, "does preach up the times?" It was answered that all the brethren did it. "Then" he rejoined, "if all of you 'preach up the times' you may surely allow one poor brother to preach up Christ Jesus and eternity."

As a general rule Leighton's position is the safest: but it ought not to be applied with too strict rigidity. There are certain conjunctures of perplexity and public peril, when the pulpit should in close connection always with Christ and his spirit, "preach up the times." The service that was thus rendered by "preaching up the times," to the cause of civil liberty by the Puritan preachers, such as John Owen, is simply beyond praise. A similar service was rendered to Scotland by John Knox, than whom there never was in Britain, a preacher that more faithfully (as his general habit) "preached up Christ Jesus and eternity."

"To him" as Froude says, "the government of the world by Almighty God was a living reality: he considered that good men were placed in it to wage war—not with *shadowy doctrines*, but with the *incarnation of the evil spirit in wicked men and wicked deeds*. He spoke of Mary Stuart—he spoke of the Hamilton's, till he made the St. Andrew's Students, "grue and tremble." He knew that there would be no end to Scotland's miseries, till the last remnant of Mary Stuart's faction was utterly extinguished.