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which will be continually manifesting itself in the rising plant : do not, instead of checking this, strengthen its influence, by a constant compliance with the tempers, and caprices which spring from it. A spoiled child is receiving that from the indulgence of its misjudging parents, which will make it so much the easier victim to the hosts of enemies, with which, in every subsequent period of life, the world, the flesh, and the devil, will surround it. The spoiled child, most probably, becomes the wayward, and disobedient boy ; waywardness and disobedience in the boy, become licentiousness, and an entire casting off of all restraint, in youth ; and such a youth is too likely to terminate in a manhood characterised by ungovernable passions, and a low standard of morality. This is the serious result, merely in a moral point of view ; what must be the consequence in a religious ? God, remembered not in childhood ; mocked and set at nought, in youth ; and if not altogether forgotten, still mocked in manhood, by the formality of an outward religion, which has no effect on the heart !

This is no exaggeration ; and all this may arise from neglecting to direct the first ideas of childhood to the love of God, and hatred of sin. Surely did parents more generally, and more seriously reflect, in the management of their little ones, that childhood is the commencement of eternity, we should witness more frequent answers to the prayer, offered at the