

charge, supplicate direction from God how he may best discharge his duty to God and to them, and the blessing of God to crown his labours with success. And besides all this, he must study to set before his children such an example as it may be proper for them to copy.

How unlike to all this, is the conduct of many who have got their children baptized in the name of the Trinity. They seem to regard them only as their future helps in "the work and toil of their hands," and they train them as a man trains a yoke of oxen; and what education they give them is solely to qualify them to provide for their wants, by their labour or skill. When parents thus neglect their vows, and mistake their duties, is it at all to be wondered at, that children grow up without the fear of God, and become an easy prey to every temptation?

(To be continued.)

CHARLES AND HIS MOTHER.

A DIALOGUE.

Charles. Mother, may I play with the baby a little while before I go to school?

Mother. She is asleep now, my son; but you may go softly and look at her.

C. She is just going to wake up, mother! she is smiling and moving her little hands.

M. No, she is only dreaming; don't hold the curtain back so far, the sun shines on her face.

C. I wonder what she is dreaming about; she looks very sober now; what a pity she can't tell us when she wakes! Mother, I shall be glad when Susan grows a little bigger, and can run about, and talk, and play with me; I don't think a little baby is good for much.

M. And what if she should never grow up, Charles?

C. What! be always a little baby?

M. No, my son; what if she should die?

C. Die! O, that can't be; she has only just begun to live?

M. Who made her live?

C. God, you told me.

M. And cannot God make her die when he pleases?

C. I suppose he can; but he never does, does he? Does he ever kill such little babies as Susan?

M. They very often die, Charles.

C. I never heard of that before; I hope Susan will not die. How old is she, mother?