

unfeited and battered to deadly repletion on the dregs of sin and pollution; and when the "earthly tabernacle is dissolved," step out of scenes of riot and revelry, of "chambering and wantonness," to "appear before the judgment seat of Christ" like a fed beast "nourished as it were to a day of slaughter!" (EDITOR SENTINEL.)

EXAMPLE OF CHRIST.—No. IV.

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps.—1 Peter ii. 21.

God has made our life a scene of continual and reciprocal duties. No man exists who owes them not to his fellow creatures. The superior owes them to his inferiors, the inferior to his superiors, and all to their equals. The parent owes them to his child, and the child to the parent. One makes way for another; and the performance of one prepares for the performance of another. The parent first owes it to the child; and to the child it is his duty first to perform it. God has also appointed that the faithful discharge of any duty is like casting seed into the earth which shall yield an increase to the hand of the sower. The parent who trains up his child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, is but sowing to the Spirit that of the Spirit he may reap. He is casting his bread upon the waters; for he shall find it after many days. He is preparing a downy pillow on which to recline his hoary head, when no pleasure of this world is so great as the affectionate care of a pious child. Look then reader, thou who art a parent, and behold what wisdom there is in discharging that duty to your child which your God has imposed upon you. See what wisdom and benevolence stand confest in his framing the duties and relations of life to work together for good to them that fear him. Every good thing they do is laying up something in store for time or for eternity.

After taking care of its life, one of the first duties of the parent to his child is, to bring it to the minister of God, and have it joined to the body of Christ. It is born an "alien from the commonwealth of Israel," and it needs an act of naturalization in the visible kingdom of God, which is his Church. It must be made a subject of his moral government, that it may be trained up as his faithful enlisted soldier, to war a good warfare and fight a good fight, and keep the plighted faith of a Christian; so that with St. Paul it may say in the end: I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. It was thus that the holy child Jesus submitted to the ordinances of religion, and took on him the sign and seal of the covenant which God made with faithful Abraham. At eight days old he was circumcized according to the law of Moses. So young children should be baptized according to the law of One greater than Moses—baptized into Jesus Christ, or grafted into the vine Christ Jesus, that they may abide in him, and bear much fruit. We are members, saith holy Paul, of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. Now the Church is that body, and He is the head of it. Hence Church membership, which comes by baptism into that one body, is membership of the blessed Jesus. For as Jesus is the one Lord, so there is but one faith, and one baptism into that one body of Christ. These things, when rightly considered, must comfort a godly parent's heart, and while he devotes his tender offspring to God in the adoption of sons, give him great encouragement to lead it along in the steps of the Lamb of God. He led the way in the ordinances of religion: our little ones should follow in the same path. Joseph and Mary presented him to the Lord's Priest in his temple: Christian parents have the same duty before them. This is beginning in the right place. Then can they train them up as children of their heavenly Father—as tender branches of that blessed Vine which has life in itself, and can impart it to all who seek it.

There is no doubt also, that the blessed Jesus set the good example of receiving religious instruction: for it is said that he grew in wisdom as well as in stature, and in favour with God and man. Now the Gospel is that which makes us truly wise—even wise unto salvation; and when we store it in our minds, and meditate frequently thereon, it makes us grow in favour with God and

Christ. Children should thus be growing, and becoming more and more acceptable to God the more they grow in stature. It is a shame to see the young growing up in ignorance of God and his religion. Satan never fails to take advantage of such neglect, and to sow thick the tares of temptation wherever he finds a heart unoccupied by the word and fear of God. At twelve years of age Jesus was found in the temple with doctors of divinity, hearing them and asking them questions: and I trust this circumstance will encourage my young readers to learn their catechisms well, so as to be able to give the proper answers to the minister of Christ when they are catechized in the Church before their parents and friends. Jesus Christ did so; and he has left us an example that we should follow his steps. No one, young or old, should ever be ashamed of imitating him. To do so is to be like him; and to be like him is a great thing. If we learn of him in childhood, we shall be in the way of keeping his covenant when we grow old. We shall get a taste and relish for our duties to God and one another, which will transform us in the spirit of our minds, and make us fit for heaven when we die. And since all must receive the kingdom of God as little children, it is far better that we do it while we are children, than when grown up to manhood, we shall be grown up also in the favor of God.

ERIEUS.

[It is with much pleasure that we give the following letter a place in the Sentinel, both as it manifests a laudable zeal in the writer for the cause which he advocates, and as it may serve as a stimulus to those to whom stimulants may be necessary. Though some certainly have been backward in the cause of the Sentinel (how many we say not) yet others have been quite the reverse, and even exceeded expectation. It is true that all cannot be equally successful, because all missions are not equally numerous, wealthy and enterprising: but it must be a poor mission indeed where the missionary is the sole subscriber. We could name some clerical agents who have agreed to take produce,—firewood, hay, &c. of their people who were disposed to take the Sentinel, but had not ready money, and themselves advanced the money for it. There is no sacrifice in this, as every missionary must have such things; and if he turns a bargain in this way, it serves a double purpose,—and it proves his readiness to do all in his power for the interests of our church.—The prospects of the Sentinel, though now none too promising, have rather brightened for the last two or three weeks: and we hope if it can fairly start on the second volume, that its permanent success may be counted on. We owe our warmest acknowledgments to the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, Archdeacon Willis of Halifax, and Archdeacon Coster, of Fredericton, N.B. who have particularly interested themselves in favour of the Sentinel; and by whose means we anticipate some good degree of support from that Diocese.—EDITOR.]

FOR THE CHRISTIAN SENTINEL.

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Rev. Sir,

I am extremely sorry to learn from your Editorial Notice in No. 22 of the Sentinel, that there is even the remotest probability of your useful publication being discontinued, for want of sufficient encouragement and support. Equally sorry am I to learn, that many of our brethren in the Ministry, are so culpably indifferent to the good cause, as to suffer so useful an auxiliary to their labours, as a well-conducted religious paper, to languish for want of some trifling exertions on their parts. This fact certainly indicates a lamentable want of zeal and affection for the interests of our Zion in those, who are bound, by so many sacred and solemn considerations to pray for her prosperity, and to advance it to the utmost of their power and abilities. How very different is the conduct of the ministers of some other denominations in this Province. Fully aware of the powerful assistance to be derived from a popular religious publication, every preacher is an active agent in promoting its circulation among the members of his congregation.—To advance this object, they are indefatigable and spare no pains, they embrace with avidity every opportunity of spreading through the country the paper exclusively devoted to the inter-