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PREFACE.

THE earnest request of many friends, to whom the substance of the following chapters was addressed in another form, would not have induced the author to commit them to the press, were he not deeply impressed with the vital importance of the subject to which they refer, and were there not some things in regard to it which he could wish to speak in the ears of a wider circle. He believes in "the sanctity of home" in the fullest sense. He regards the family order as a most sacred ordinance of God, destined to subserve the highest ends, and fraught with the most precious and far-reaching blessings for the Church and for the world. While everything else in the

social system is insecure, this alone seems firm and permanent. Amid a thousand influences for evil, this remains as a perennial well-spring of blessing. And yet, while the healing and binding influences of the family are more than ever needed, there seems in our day a peculiar danger of its vitality and power sinking into decay; and never was an earnest word in its behalf more eminently seasonable. Much of what these pages contains has doubtless been often said before, but old truths may sometimes obtain a new hearing when uttered by a new voice; and assuredly, the truths here presented, if old in themselves, are, in freshness of tender interest for thousands of hearts, always new. It is solemn to remember that this work of godly upbringing is, at this moment, beginning in unnumbered homes throughout the land, while in others there are vain and sad regrets, that when it might have been done, it was not done better; and the writer has often felt the want of a few words of counsel, brief but pointed, which might be put into the hands

of young parents while still the task lies all before them, and which, blessed as "a word in season," might save the unavailing sorrows of after years. Whether the following pages are in any degree fitted to subserve this purpose, it is not for him to judge; such as they are, they are committed to Him by whose blessing the smallest crumbs of precious truth "cast upon the waters" may be found "after many days."

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