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JOHN W. MEARS, Editor. TO PASTORS AND SESSIONS OF CHURCHES IN THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Dear Brethren.—Allow us again to call your attention to the late action of the Synod in regard to supporting the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. Encouraging progress has been made in carrying out this action, and a few Churches have quite fulfilled the portion of the work expected of them. Others are diligently at work, and will ere long reach the same result.

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PARENT, CHILD AND CHURCH.

It is the divine purpose that these three relations shall be interdependent. The parent nor do his full duty to his child, nor the child enjoy full opportunity for moral and spiritual culture, separated from the Church.

1. The great encouragement to pious parents in laboring for their children's conversion, which this view affords. We utterly reject the view that the children of truly pious families have no advantage over the seed of the ungodly in the fact of their birth.

LETTER FROM REV. H. G. O. DWIGHT, D. D.

The communication below, which it gives as pleasure to insert, is in response to an article in our issue of November 14, in which we spoke of dissent and schism in the mission of the American Board at Constantinople.

The Christian parent, therefore, may and should commence the training of his child as to keep him from wandering at all; not so much to implant utterly new principles, as to develop the germs of those which exist in the very circumstances of his birth; not so much to rescue a victim from the grasp of sin and the devil, as

to complete the initiation of one already recognized as a regular candidate for adoption to the family of God.

This is an encouraging view we say. And we would hold it as such before Christian parents. We believe that the unbelieving views held or acted upon by many, have the effect of frustrating the happy results, which Christian parents are otherwise expected to realize in their households.

2. The Christian parents' duty is responsible, serious and yet beautiful. God has given him his children in trust for the Church. They belong to God and to the Church, as truly as they belong to him, and in a higher sense, and he is to be to it that they are not lost from these higher relations by any fault of his.

Can any sight be sadder than that of a professedly Christian household, in which these aims are sacrificed to those of worldly pleasure and preference? In which the parent oblivious of this high Christian purpose, has suffered the reins of authority and influence to be grievously relaxed, or to fall from his hands; has ceased to command that respect and obedience which even instinct and expediency prescribe before Christianity is revealed?

There is a beauty in the relation between a Christian parent and his child in this view, worthy of separate remark.

3. From the beginning we have aimed to have each church supplied at the earliest possible day with its own pastor—a native and not a missionary—and with a church committee or session for the transaction of all ecclesiastical business; and we have always taught the churches that the responsibility of the pastor's support rests properly upon them.

4. When the first church was organized in 1846, we expressly provided for an association or Synod of ministers and delegates from the different churches, to go into effect just as soon as a sufficient number of contiguous churches should be formed.

5. I am happy to say that out of the more than fifty native churches in Turkey, not one, as yet, has shown the least sympathy with the Pera church and its pastor in their most unreasonable demand. I remain very truly, yours,

H. G. O. DWIGHT.

Unquestionably, the personal sacrifice in yielding them is great—so great as to forbid comfort, except from that faith which hears the call of Christ, sweeter than Arabian melodies, in what we call the summons of death. The friends of this smitten household have all felt that it must be such. I write more especially to express the sympathy of friends from without the city, near and remote.

We need scarcely say that we have no wish to espouse the cause of those separatists, of whom we know almost nothing, as against the Board which we do know, and against Mr. Dwight's emphatic testimony. Our aim is simply to urge the importance of an early and full recognition of all the ecclesiastical rights of the native Christians and helpers in the missions of the Board.

HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

MR. EDITOR.—The following are the names of ministers to whom commissions were granted at the late meeting of the Home Missionary Committee, on the application of the churches which they serve:

- Rev. C. S. Halsey, Warsaw, Wis.
A. D. Moore, Dauphin, Penna.
C. W. Gardner, Harrisburg, Penna.
Courtney Smith, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Joseph Wilson, Charleston, Ill.
George H. Miles, Cassopolis, Mich.
J. B. Sheldon, Shelbyville, Ill.
Asa Martin, Olivet, Iowa.
John Glass, Janesville, Iowa.
George E. W. Leonard, Centre Point, Iowa.
E. D. Holt, Chatfield, Minn.
Alexander Fairley, Scott, Iowa.
J. E. Baker, Arkport, New York.
Israel C. Holmes, Maple Grove, Wis.
Samuel Ward, Unity, Ill.
Huntington Lyman, Marathon, N. York.
R. H. Dexter, Pavilion, New York.
J. Jerome Ward, Yellow Springs, Ohio.
George R. Carroll, Wyoming, Iowa.
E. R. Johnson, Osborn, Ohio.
Daniel Higbie, Washingtonville, N. York.
Pisk Harmon, Swede Point, Iowa.
Wm. M. Kain, Unionville, Iowa.
Alanson Schofield, Fremont, Mich.
Charles R. French, Clermont, Ohio.
C. S. Le Due, Hastings, Minn.
D. H. Taylor, Saginaw City, Mich.
Marcus Hicks, St. Cloud, Minn.
Charles W. Wallace, Cochocton, Ohio.
Asa Johnson, Adel, Iowa.
A. D. Chapman, Brooklyn, Iowa.
B. G. Riley, Lodi, Wis.

This large number did not exhaust the list of applicants. There are other feeble churches pleading for aid, and other needy servants of Christ who must have help.

It might reasonably be doubted whether we have not given them too much independence; but surely, no one acquainted with the facts, can feel that we have given them too little.

THE SMITTEN HOUSEHOLD.

"Arise my love, my fair one, and come away." So said "The Beloved" when a few weeks since he entered the house of our dear brother, and then we read in the morning paper—

"Died, on the 4th instant, (November) Sophie H., daughter of Rev. Robert and Catharine Adair, aged 18 years and 10 months."

"Died, on the 5th instant, Annie H., daughter of Rev. Robert and Catharine Adair, aged 21 years and 10 months."

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