

"EDUCATION: THE CHILD'S THOUGHT OF THE PARENT."

" HE TAUGHT ME ALSO, AND SAID UNTO ME, LET THINE
HEART RETAIN MY WORDS: KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, AND LIVE."

Proverbs 4: 4.

This chapter begins with a charming little piece of autobiography. The grateful memories of a father's teaching and of a mother's tenderness give point and force to the exhortations. "Do I urge upon you, young people, the claims of Wisdom? the author of this scripture seems to say. "Well, if I do I speak from experience. My parents taught me her wholesome and pleasant ways. Though I was an only son - the author continues - they did not by a selfish indulgence allow me to be spoiled. They made me bear the yoke in my youth, and now I live to thank them for it." There is a great temptation in our generation to leave the whole process of education or to think that the whole process of education is the property of our schools and colleges, a temptation which few are able to resist. Exposition- Our newspapers, our magazines, our street signs inform us that school is in session - watch out - drive careful. I thought that I should remind you that not all education is in the formal classroom. Parents do everything for their children- dress them- I saw a carton about a girl going to college-she had collected clothing for every occasion -but no books. I was reminded of an old Carthaginian mother-whose son was a convicted criminal- on the way to his execution-ask his mother to bend across to take his father's hat-let it hang-