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"Whom shall he teach knowledge! and whom shall he make to understand sectrine? Them that are weared from the milk, and drawn from the breezes.

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

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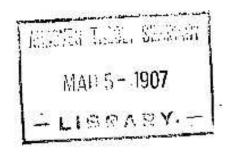
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CHAPTER I.

DELIBERATION ESSENTIAL IN GIVING THE HEART TO GOD.

Some years ago, two little girls came into my room weeping; and, as they appeared to be in great trouble, I asked them why they wept and looked so sad. They replied that they were sinners, and wished to know what they should do to be saved. I was glad to find that this was the cause of their trouble, and told them that they must repent, and believe in Christ,

and give their hearts to God immediately. But as they were children, and did not clearly understand what was meant by giving the heart to God, they desired me to explain it to them in language so simple that they could comprehend it, for they wanted to do it-immediately, and be pardoned and saved. I felt that this was a moment of great interest to these children, and therefore pointed out to them, as clearly as I could, what they must do; and then, having urged them to submit at once to Christ, I commended them to God in prayer, and they left the room. Shortly after, both of them, as they hoped, were enabled to give their hearts to the Saviour, and found peace in believing. They appeared humble and penitent, their tears of sorrow were wiped away, and their sadness was exchanged for songs of deliverance.

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After some months for self-examination and prayer, these dear children were received into the visible church, and have since, I believe, adorned their profession by a life of humble piety. Thinking it possible that some other children might wish to know how they may give their hearts to God, so as to be accepted of him, and be pardoned and saved, I have thought proper to point out the way in this little book, hoping that it may assist some young but anxious mind, in making the final surrender to Christ.

In Prov. 23: 26, we read, "My son, give me thine heart," and in Rom. 6: 13, "Yield yourselves unto God." From these two commands, I infer that it is the duty of every sinner immediately to give his heart to God.

The heart is that part of us which loves, hates, and desires; and as the