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Horace Bushnell was an American Congregational minister and theologian. As a preacher, Dr. Bushnell was very effective. Though not a dramatic orator, he was original, thoughtful and impressive in the pulpit. His theological position may be said to have been one of qualified revolt against the Calvinistic orthodoxy of his day. He criticized prevailing conceptions of the Trinity, the atonement, conversion, and the relations of the natural and the supernatural. Above all, he broke with the prevalent view which regarded theology as essentially intellectual in its appeal and demonstrable by processes of exact logical deduction. To his thinking its proper basis is to be found in the feelings and intuitions of humankind's spiritual nature. He had a marked influence upon theology in America, an influence not so much, possibly, in the direction of the modification of specific doctrines as in the impulse and tendency and general spirit which he imparted to theological thought. Dr Munger's estimate was that "He was a theologian as Copernicus was an astronomer; he changed the point of view, and thus not only changed everything, but pointed the way toward unity in theological thought. He was not exact, but he put God and humanity and the world into a relation that thought can accept while it goes on to state it more fully with ever growing knowledge. Other thinkers were moving in the same direction; he led the movement in New England, and wrought out a great deliverance. It was a work of extraordinary courage. Hardly a theologian in his denomination stood by him, and nearly all pronounced against him."

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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1900 edition. Excerpt: ... IV. 1HK ORGANIC UNITY OF THE FAMILY. "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to the king; that they may drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger." -- Jeremiah vii. 18. In this lively picture, you have the illustration of a great and momentous truth--the Organic Unity of the Family. If it be an idolatrous family, worshipers of the moon, for example, such is the organic relation of the members, that they are all involved together, and the idol worship is the common act of the house. The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, the women prepare the cakes for an offering, and the queen of heaven receives it, as one that is the joint product of the whole family. The worship is family worship; the god of one is the god of all; the spirit of one, the spirit of all. And so it is with all family transactions and feelings. They implicate ordinarily the whole circle of the house, young and old, male and female, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters. Acting thus together, they take "a common character, accept the same delusions, practice the same sins, and ought, I believe, to be sanctified by a common grace. This most serious truth is one that is exceedingly remote from the present age, and from no part of the Christian world more remote than from us. All our modern notions and speculations have taken a bent toward Individualism. In the state, we have been engaged to bring out the civil rights of the individual, asserting his proper liberties as a person, and vindicating his conscience, as a subject of God, from the constraints of force. In matters of religion, we have burst the bonds of church...

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Horace Bushnell on Christian Character Development examines the issue of character development in the speculative works and sermons of Horace Bushnell, in relation to Orthodox Calvinist, Unitarian, and contemporary Catholic considerations of the same. The author emphasizes the practical purpose of theological investigation to promote the universal cause of personal growth and development. He systematically presents Bushnell's thought on that popular issue by way of a critical analysis of his language theory, his rhetoric, and his understanding of theology as a kind of persuasive art. Bushnell proposed a 'theological alternative' to the typical understanding of character development (conversion) espoused by Orthodox Calvinism, Unitarianism, and secular humanism. His 'alternative' incorporated the strengths of those historically influential bodies of thought and compensated for what he thought to be deficient in them. In this book, the reader is introduced to a theology that is remarkable for its insights into human interiority, its soundness as a proposal for wholesome human living, and its ecumenical spirit.

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Views of Christian Nurture

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Discourses on Christian Nurture

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Discourses on Christian Nurture. Christian Nurture. Essays. Incorporating "Discourses on Christian Nurture."

Excerpt from Christian Nurture The subject of this volume is one of the highest, in the order of consequence, both as respects the welfare of religion and of human society. No apology therefore is needed, for the giving to the public of any thing concerning it, which is honestly meant, and thoughtfully prepared. I should have preferred, on some accounts, to write a proper treatise on the subject - which this volume is not. The shape it has taken will be sufficiently explained, by the facts and considerations, that have been determining causes, in the process of its construction. Thirteen years ago I was drawn, by solicitation from others, into the publication of two discourses, the first two of this volume, under the title christian Nurture. Afterwards, these were republished with another, the fourth of the present volume, and With other articles variously related, under the same title. These publications have been out of print for some years; for I have preferred the discontinuance of publication, till I might be able to present the subject in a more adequate and complete manner. The present volume is the result. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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Letters to ... H. Bushnell, ... containing strictures on his book entitled "Views of Christian Nurture, and subjects adjacent thereto."

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Horace Bushnell, Preacher and Theologian

A collection of seventeen essays presenting theological perspectives on children throughout history. Discusses the care of children, their spiritual education, and the role of parents, the church, and the state in raising children.

Horace Bushnell on Christian Character Development

Presents all major aspects of the life and thought of Horace Bushnell (1802-1876) within the context of 19th-century America.

Views of Christian Nurture, and of Subjects Adjacent Thereto

Excerpt from Discourses on Christian Nurture There is then some kind of nurture which is of the Lord, deriving a quality and a power from Him, and communicating the same. Being instituted by Him it will of necessity have a method and a character peculiar to itself, or rather to Him. It will be the Lord's way of education, having aims appropriate to Him, and if realized in its full intent, terminating in results impossible to be reached by any merely human method. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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Views of Christian nurture

"Endeavors to develop, briefly and suggestively, a conception of the religious discipline that is to be regarded as most fitting and desirable for the years of adolescence in view of a spiritual experiences through which nature conducts the young soul on the road to maturity."--Preface.

Discourses on Christian Nurture

Excerpt from Views of Christian Nurture: And of Subjects Adjacent Thereto As the attention of the public mind is now earnestly fixed on the great subject of Christian Nurture, it seems to be a matter of consequence, if not of justice, that those, who are anxious to know the merits of the question in debate, should have the means at their command. It was fortunately made a condition, when I gave up the manuscript of my "Discourses" to the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, that I should have the right to publish them myself, "with other things." Encountering, as I do, every day, the complaint that they cannot be had, I have at length concluded, after waiting a proper time for their emancipation, that it is my duty, both to the public and also to them as my children, to give them their liberty. There are many very important questions connected with this subject, which, as yet, have been scarcely touched in our discussion, and I would gladly have undertaken a new and complete work, covering the whole ground, if I had time and strength for such a labor. Perhaps some other, who is more competent, will assume the task. There are some advantages, however, in having the discussion which is already a matter of history and, in that shape, has its interest, preserve its historical form. I republish therefore the "Discourses"

and the "Argument," in company with three or four other articles, which have a certain relation to the view maintained, and will therefore assist the public to come at a more thorough understanding of my general position. The associated reasons too, which give a truth its complement, are often necessary to a full and hearty conviction of its validity. Of course, it will sometimes occur, in such a collection, that a thought is repeated. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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