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BLUE BOOK

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#### IV. - Changing Perceptions of the Nature of Children in the 18th and 19th century and the Influence of These Changes on Child Rearing Practices.

In both the Southern Colonies and  
the Northern Colonies, the child was looked  
upon in the 1700's as being depraved.

Acc. to this view,

~~that~~ the child had a basically evil nature,  
and ~~that~~ the parents' responsibility was to  
overcome this nature and bring the  
child to God.

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Typical of the 1700's ideas of childhood,  
also, was the idea that they were miniature  
adults. Children's clothing reflected this. Until  
the child was about 5 or 6 years old, both  
the boy and the girl were dressed in  
dresses. at that time, the dress came off the  
boy and the father took over.

There was no "hovering maternity" in  
the Puritan family because there was too  
much to do. Puritan mothers could expect  
to only raise half of 8 children born to  
~~them~~ <sup>them</sup>, and it has been theorized that because  
of the possible loss of children in death, that  
parents held themselves more aloof from  
their children.