

Only a righting for once of the disordered sequence of this topsy turvy world!

If the words of love and appreciation which beat so vainly at the closed bars of the coffin lid were spoken often in living ears, how many other weary feet might turn again from 'the valley of the shadow!'—The 'Christian Age.'

A Happy Home.

O! for a home on a windy height, Close by the sounding sea! A castle, rising clear and white, Above a spreading lea! Where the far sea-view, from the rough rock walls, The sweep of the low, wide land, Will give to the soul in the stately halls An uplift pure and grand.

O! for a home in a humble town, A garden of bloom and green, With little of wealth and less of renown— As the twilight hour serene! Where the voices of friends are mingled oft— In song, in sorrow, in mirth, And a sweet content pervades it, soft As the summer time to earth.

O! for a home by the shadowed wood, Away from the million schemes! A home where the whispering leaves are good To the man who works and dreams! Who digs in the soil for his daily bread, Strong and patient and free; Who dreams while a wild bird overhead Sings of eternity!

But whether on seagirt, windy height, Or hard by the forest wild, Or round the cottage candle-light In converse glad and mild— O! for a home in the heart of love! The sea and the wood may fade; Ever the good God reigns above— And the soul? it is undismayed! —Onward.

A Daughter's Reading.

I would offer a few suggestions to the inquirer concerning a desirable course of reading for a girl just leaving high school. I quite agree with M. L. D. that standard or classic works should form the main reading matter, but it is to the mother's reading with her daughter I would give the chief emphasis. In many of the best classic works there is more or less chaff to be waded through to secure the grain, and young people need to be guided as to which parts should be omitted or skimmed over, and which to mark, learn and inwardly digest.

To require young people to give a review, either orally or in writing, of each book they read, bringing out its truths and teachings, would be of infinite value to them. To read less, but take more thought, is the need of the hour. The girls might tell stories or repeat choice extracts of poetry to the younger children while about light household duties. My own little girls beguile many a home task in this way, and I notice it is helping them to develop in thought, language and imagination.

The question of time from the mother's side may come in here, but it would seem as if the young girl fresh from high school, by taking hold and sharing the mother's home cares and duties, could give her time for recreation, and a share in her daughter's intellectual pursuits.—Selected.

Re-opened.

The 'Witness' Flag offer is now open to all desiring a good flag. See advt. elsewhere in this issue.

Just a Hint.

As a very little increase of high-class general advertising would enable us to greatly improve and enlarge the 'Messenger,' it is to the interest of our readers to mention the 'Messenger' whenever answering advertisements in its columns, and so encourage good advertisers.

Suffer the Little Children to Come.

It cannot be denied that many parents keep their children out of the kingdom of God. Being unbelievers or only nominal Christians, they set an example, and therefore exert an influence that is detrimental to the spirituality of the child. Are there not parents who never pray for or with the little ones? Do all fathers and mothers teach their children to commit the Word of God to memory? The mind of a child can be filled with no more valuable thought than contained in the very language of Scripture. But it cannot be expected that parents will strive to raise their children higher than they are. Drinking, profane and godless fathers and mothers instill into the minds of their children principles that lay the foundation for future habits, and more than one who is now in the kingdom of the world can say that his early home life was not suggestive of the Christian walk and conversation.—The Rev. C. L. Palmer.

Pattern Catalogue.

For the convenience of the busy mothers into whose homes the 'Messenger' goes, we have arranged to supply a catalogue containing from 400 to 500 new designs for ladies', misses' and children's clothes, for spring and summer of 1907, all of which may be ordered through the 'Messenger' Pattern Department. The catalogue also contains practical illustrated hints on the making of fine lingerie and baby clothes. Send 10 cents in coin or stamps, writing name and address in full, that no mistake may occur. Be sure to mention the 'Northern Messenger,' or, if desired, the pattern coupons on this page may be used in ordering the catalogue.

For the Busy Mother.

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