

Our Young Folks.

The Three Bugs.

Three little bugs in a basket, And hardly room for two...

Keep Your Promises.

A boy borrowed a tool from a carpenter promising to return it at night.

By daylight he was up, and nowhere was the tool to be found.

The Time to be Pleasant.

"Mother's cross!" said Maggie, coming out into the kitchen with a pout on her lips.

Maggie made no reply. She put on her hat, and walked off into the garden.

"I'll keep him as long as he is good," said Maggie; and you must lie on the sofa and get a nap while I am gone.

The kind words and the kiss that accompanied them were almost too much for the mother.

What a happy heart beat in Maggie's bosom as she trundled the little carriage up the road on the walk!

Every kindly word and feeling, every good deed and thought, every noble action and impulse, is like the ark-sent dove, and returns from the troubled waters of life bearing a green olive branch to the soul.

Hardening the Constitution.

Men talk about "hardening the constitution," and with that view expose themselves to summer's sun and winter's wind...

A Family Paper.

A good family paper is not simply one that seeks to be a help to parents; it is one that comes into effective contact with the whole family...

What Faith Should Do.

The Israelites marching up to the edge of the Red Sea till the waves parted before their feet, step by step, are often taken as an illustration of what our faith should do.

But there is another illustration in the New Testament more sacred and striking—the woman going to the sepulchre of our Lord.

We may bless God that He can put into men's hearts impulses stronger than reason, and more powerful even than faith—such impulses that, if they are going to himself, they shall find that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think."

The Responsibility of Mothers.

There is no name in the English or any other language so sacred as mother, and those who feel the great responsibility of this office, and perform faithfully all its duties, in the fear of God, hold a position that angels might look upon with pleasure, and certainly God does.

This is no trifling matter. Immortal souls are in danger; the world is creeping into our churches with all its vanities, carrying a stumbling block in the way of sinners.

"Here Lord am I, and the children thou hast given me."—Christian Woman.

Anecdotes Illustrative of Scottish Character

Dean Ranzy of Edinburgh, in his famous book, "Reminiscences of Scottish Life & Character," tells a good number of anecdotes illustrating the peculiar traits of the Scotch people.

I think our national jealousy of Ritualism furnishes a very characteristic anecdote:—A worthy United Presbyterian minister having received a present of a preaching gown, considered himself bound to make use of it in divine service, although it was a novelty in the congregation.

I have spoken of the cool manner in which the awful questions connected with the funerals of friends are often approached by Scottish people, without the least intention or purpose of being invidious or unfeeling.

Nothing better illustrates the cool style of remark for which our countrymen have been distinguished, than the old story of the piper and the wolves. A Scottish piper was passing through a deep forest. In the evening he sat down to take his supper.

Some time back, when it was not common for challenges to be given and accepted for insults, or supposed insults, an English gentleman was entertaining a party at Inverness with an account of the wonders he had seen and the deeds he had performed in India, from whence he had lately arrived.

There is a quiet mode of turning the tables upon an inquirer or complainant, which I have noticed as characteristic of our countrymen, which it is impossible to illustrate except by example.

Scottish dialects are peculiarly rich in terms of endearment, more so than any pure Englishman. Without at all pretending to exhaust the subject, I may cite the following as examples of the class of terms I speak of.

the Scottish life and character, and in a soft-off agood a frequent short and grumpy manner. It indicates how often there must be a current of tenderness and affection, in the Scottish heart, which is so frequently represented to be, like its climate, "stern and wild."

Choice of Colors.

Nothing contributes more to the beauty of the skin than the choice of colors. Females of light complexion ought to wear the purest white; they should choose light and brilliant colors such as rose, azure, light yellow, etc.

In a word, the fairest cannot be too careful to correct, by light colors, the paleness of their complexions, and darker women by stronger colors, the somewhat yellow tint of their complexion.

Grey Hairs.

Grey hair, the glory of old age, is apt in the present day to arrive before beholding years, and then an innocuous dye is not objectionable. We would warn our fair readers against pulling out grey hairs.

The Ashantees.

Just now when the war on the Gold Coast has familiarized us somewhat with the King of Ashantee and his subjects, the following account of the people and the country will be read with interest.

Six is never a stay; if we do not retreat from it, we shall advance in it; and the further on we go, the more we have to come back.

Ecclesiastes I.

PRESENTATIONS.—The Queen has presented the Rev. David Burro to the church and parish of Dunnington, vacant by the translation of the Rev. Thomas Alexander Cameron to the church and parish of Farnell.

ORDINATIONS.—R. W. S. Forbes has been ordained colleague and successor to the Rev. Dr. Davidson, of Queen Street United Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh.

INDUCTIONS.—Rev. Thomas Martin late of New Ratheny, has been inducted to the pastorate of the church at Inverness, Ireland.

CALLS.—Rev. Mr. Kyrie, of Crail, has accepted the call which was presented to him from Free St. Paul's, Edinburgh.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Free Church, Armadale, Mr. A. Black, preacher, Glasgow, was elected to fill the vacant pastorate.

Miscellaneous.

Humility is a grace that adorns and beautifies every other grace; without it, the most splendid natural and acquired acquisitions lose their charm.

The Rev. David Mitchell, New York, who was called to be pastor of Calvin Church, St. John, N. B., has declined the call, and remains in his present charge.

When Mr. Moody was about starting for England last summer, he was asked by a friend what he was going for. His characteristic reply was, "ten thousand souls for Christ!"

In seventeen years Spurgeon has received thirteen thousand persons into his church, erected thirty-six chapels in London, and supplied the same with ministers trained in a college of his own founding.

A man that puts himself on the ground of moral principle, if the whole world be against him, is mightier than all. Never be afraid of being in the minorities, so that minorities are based upon principles.

The majority of the religious papers express approval of the way in which the women in Ohio close drinking saloons, while others are not decidedly in favor or against it.

The Southern Churchman or the ritualistic innovations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, says: "We can afford to wait a few months longer. If nothing is done to put an end, at once and forever, to those most shameful pervasions of the truth of Christ's gospel, then it will be time to take a stand which will be decided, and which no one can possibly misunderstand."

Children's services are greatly on the increase in Liverpool, thirty-five now ones having been started during 1873. There is an average weekly attendance at these services of 10,000 children, nearly all on Sunday evenings.

In December last 401 young ladies were examined in the senior division of the Cambridge Local Examination for Girls. The result has just been published.

Will you say that there are no real stars, because you sometimes see meteors fall, which for a time appeared to be stars? Will you say that blossoms never produce fruit, because many of them fall off, and some fruit which appeared sound is rotten at the core?