

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

"ABIDE WITH ME."

"Abide with me, fast falls the evening."
A simple maiden sang with artless feeling.
The darkness deepens. Lord, with me abide.

anything outside of their little circle. Occasionally he invited these lads to his home for a social or religious chat.

Some of those boys have grown to be men, and are now occupying places of trust and influence. Not a few of them have become Christians, and are in turn making themselves useful as instructors of youth.

This teacher is on the shady side of sixty. May he live many years to train up boys and young men for usefulness on earth, and glory in heaven.

My dear modest friend would blush if he knew I was thus publishing to the world his good deeds; and some others, perhaps, may say, "Why not wait until he is dead?"

THE GOLDEN SHEAF.

There lived in New York City a man whom I can never forget. He has a large body, and a very big heart. When I see him, he always has a sparkle in his eye.

One day, some few years ago, when I was pastor in the great city I was walking with the busy throng in Fulton Street.

There was something very cordial about this man—the same one I alluded to in the beginning—and lost no time in visiting him, and revivifying his acquaintance.

Every soon he exchanged the sitting in the gallery for a pew down below, and became one of our prominent supporters.

The timid man, and I could not at all induce him to lead in public—but he came regularly to our meeting, and attended twice a day.

When I see you coming out of a public house, I think I have a license to go in.

He went home that morning a sad but wiser man. Sad that he should have given occasion for a brother to offend; wise in forming the resolve that, God helping him, he would never visit a public house again.

Years have passed away and John is old and grey-headed now, but the promise of that ever memorable morning lives with him yet; lives in his memory and lives in the beautiful consistency of his godly life.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

The spheres of the two sexes, as I believe, are, like their natures and gifts, coequal but distinct, and incapable of identification unless women can take what is now the work of men, and men can take the work of women.

I fear that many Sunday-school teachers do not realize the greatness of their responsibility, and how much they might accomplish if they were faithful to the trust committed to their care.

FROM REAL LIFE.

Away in the west of England, where the league-long billows break upon the shore, is the quiet little fishing village of N.

Upon their arrival at the prison, his conduct was most excellent, and continued to be so.

"Well, sir," said he, "I'll tell you. It was when I was waiting in the depot, before I came here. A little mite of a girl was there with her father.

her she dropped it wrong side up, and there it lay, a mass of crude work, tangled, everything seeming out of order.

ONLY.

It was only a blossom,
Just the inebriate bit of bloom,
But it brought a glimpse of summer
To the little darkened room.

"MAN, JESUS CHRIST IS SORRY FOR YOU."
It was not quite train-time and among the waiting passengers a gentleman walked to and fro in the long depot, holding his little daughter's hand.

mind I would never rest till my mother's God was mine also; and oh, sir," he exclaimed, while the tears ran down his face—"He's saved me—he's saved me!"

MR. GLADSTONE.

The woodman's craft is the only exercise, except walking, which Mr. Gladstone indulges in. It is many years since he was astride a horse, and he never much cared for the exercise.

FIDELITY TO A GODLY ANCESTRY.

It is no dishonor to a young man to believe in the religion of his father. It shows no want of independence to be a Christian because one's father was a Christian.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

HOW TO RUN.

Very few boys know how to run. "Ho, ho!" say a dozen boys. "Just bring on the boy that can run faster than I can!"

who can run a quarter of a mile at a good smart pace without having to blow like a porpoise by the time he has made his distance.

But I believe I can tell our boys something that will help them to run better. I was a pretty old boy when I first found it out, but the first time I tried it I ran a mile and a quarter at one dash, and I was not weary nor blown.

I found once, through a sad experience with a pet dog, that dogs must die if their nostrils become stopped. They will breathe through the mouth only while it is forcibly held open.

All trainers of men for racing and rowing, and all other athletic contests, understand this, and teach their pupils accordingly.

THE THREE SIEVES.
"O, mamma," cried little Blanche Philpot, "I heard such a tale about Edith Howard!

"What does that mean, mamma?" inquired Blanche.
"I will explain it. In the first place, is it true?"
"Suppose so; I got it from Miss White, and she is a great friend of Edith's."

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