APRIL'27.

FAMILY CIRCLE.

The Timely Word.

Two men had entered into an agreement to b one of their neighbours. Everything w lanned. They were to enter the house at mid ight, break open his chests and drawers, and arry off all the gold and silver they could fad. "Lie is rich, and we are poor," said they to sch other, by the way of encouragement in the vil they were about to perform. "He will no er miss a little gold ; while its posses take us happier. Besides, what right has one an to all of this world's goods ?"

Thus they talked together. One of these me ad a wife and children, but the other had none at a wife and care for but himself. The man the had children weat home and joined his fin y, after agreeing upon a place of meeting rith the other at the darkest hour of the dark "Dear father," said one of the children

limbing upon his knee, "I'm so glad yos'w

The presence of the child troubled the man and he tried to push him away; but his erms slung tighter about his neck, and he laid his free igainst his cheek, and said, in a sweet and git e voice-" I love you, father."

Involuntarily the man drew the innocent and oving one to his bosom, and kissed him.

There were two elder children in the most twelling. a boy and girl. They were poor, and these children worked daily, to keep up the say ness in the father than from lack of employment. These children came in soon after the father's return, and brought him their envine for the day.

"Oh, father I" said the boy, "such a drand ful thing has happened. Henry Lee's father was arrested to-day for robbing. They test him out of our shop, when Henry was there, and carried him off to prison. I was so and when I saw Henry weeping. And he bung his head for shame-for shame of his own father! Only think of that,"

The man did not reply to the words of his ion, but he turned his face partly avay to conceal its expression.

"Ashamed of his father !" thought he. "And will my children hang their beads, also, h, shame? No-no. That shall never be? At the hour of midnight the man who had mo

children to throw around him a sphere of better influence, was waiting at the place of redezvous for him. whose children had saved him. But he waited long in vain. Then he mid-

" I will do the deed myself, and take the en tire reward."

And he did according to his word. When the other man went forth to his labour on the next day, he learned that his accomplice had been taken in the act of robbery, and was already in prison.

"Thank heaven for virtuous children " mid he with fervour. They have saved me. Never I do any act that for their father !

APRIL 27.

An old Scotch Muje.

byterian millister.

TEMPERANCE.

night hand by the right rev. the Bishop of Mel-

bourne, on the left by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, Pres-

"After an exhilarating repast, it was notified to

the meeting that his honor the judge would address

lagers.

THE WESLEYAN.

many poor persons were suffering in his village, and he refused to help any, because he could not help them all. His conscience struck him. and he told his little daughter to break a loaf of been repeated on this occasion. bread into crumbs for the birds, while he went to souther a purse of money among the poor vil-" Could drunkenness be but once abolished, we

should indeed see a chauged state, not merely in the peace of society, but a great moral change in " father up the fragments that nothing be lost." which pleasure would be taken advantage of in a proper manner. Art and science would then be I rose up from the feast, and went out to drink sure to follow ; a proper state of mind would then the fresh evening air; as I passed the gate, old take place, and the most humble man would then

Lararus, the beggar, was sitting and making a be found engaged in the higher pleasure of cultirich repart on the very piece of baked mutton I had left on my plate-his dog stood by, and the vating his mental powers by reading and other rabenes, &c., of which Lazarus could make nothing, tional occupation. We find that emigration, and afforded a delicious meal to poor Trim. By the great many other matters that interest the comime I returned, a little flock of sparrows occumunity, are advocated by the press; but this cause pied the ground where Lazarus had sat with Trim, and picked up the crumbs that had fallen calls for its advocacy more than any other; for whatever change may be effected, or improve from them-they flew off at my approach, but ment made, unless we root out drunkenness it their place was instant'y seized by a number of for and other insects, all greedily devouring the will be of no avail. If the press were to turn its frequents which remained of the sparrows; and that nothing might he lost, the laborious ant has attention to such institutions as these, it would confer more real benefit than all its addresses get a huge crumb on her shoulders, and, totterwith regard to political rights and changes would ander the burden, was carrying it to her possibly effect. I would now say a word on a submat: a small affair it seemed indeed to me, but ject in which I have been misrepresented, or at all as it was, it afforded still a morsel to herleast misappreheuded by the oress. I have said olf and family. Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise. O God Alcom the bench, and I repeat it here, that I should mighty, how manifold are all thy works; in the regist that any person for whom I had any rewast range of thy conomy nothing is lostspect should take a public house. I repeat it, for I believe it is impossible for any person to take a public house and remain free from its demoralizing effects. I do not mean to say that there are not many aublicans who are in every respect, mor al and reputable ; but I do may that the tendency AERTRALIA.-Melbourne Total Abstinence Society. of the vocation they follow is to demoralize them. When one considers the mode in which they ob " The quarterly meeting of the Melbourne Tota tain their wealth-when one reflects on the stary Abstinence Association was held at the Tempeing children that a drunken father or mother mace Hall on the evening of Tuesday, 3d of July. leaves shivering by the deserted hearth, whilst the A sumerous assemblage filled its area. His bono money which should huy them bread is being conthe resident Judge presided, supported on his

verted into drink -when one considers the obscene language, the riotous and sanguinary scenes that publicana have to witness, it is impossible to deny that any man who keeps a public house, especially if he have a wife and daughter, must be in dauger of losing his self respect and his respect for those who are dependent on him for example and sup-

them. His honor observed that he had much pleasing in addressing them on that feative occa- port. sion, and after a few preliminary remarks, spoke "We know that public-houses are advocated on to the following effect :- The experience that I the grounds of convenience, as places of refreshhave had during the last, five years on the judicial ment, but we know in point of fact that they are beach, coupled with three years and a half's prenot established for any such purpose ; and if they vious experience as solicitor general of Sydney, were they would remain unlet and become unnechas led me to observe the lamentable evils arising essary. I think it is a very serious thing when I

from drukenness. From the earliest stage of my ee that almost all the crimes that come before career I have been of opinion that if drunkenness scald be put down very little crime would be source : when I see it spreading more and more found to exist. I held that conviction whilst in y, and it has been confirmed in that distric

handred of them, if I cannot save them all." difference is there in principle between the prom- bound up in the spread of drunkenness. I have and his servant Paul, that a living evangelical handred of them, is a moment; he knew that ise thus given and the pledge taken by your so- had much intercourse ministerially, and I have ministry should be supported by the carual ciety : No higher belief is here subverted ; here is | never yet found a publican (or particulariy a pubsimply a resolution to abstain, superadded, with - lican's wife), who was at all a right minded perout which, perhaps, the drunkeness would have son, who did not deeply regret the business in cd; but the man who preceded you never ask

who professed to have any conceience, or regard go to the Scriptures to prove me a debtor as you for their own salvation, who did not express an have done. earnest hope to be able to get out of it; that is a testimony of justification against them. You will continually find that any publican who has his children's interest at heart, will send them away if possible to some place or other, in order to keep them from the polition of his business. I hope first ? that all publicans may soon become sensible of the character of the business in which they are engaged. I will now conclude by saying that I am. heartilf attached to your society, and I shall be

happy to afford it every assistance in my power "Rev. Mr. Fanns then addressed the meeting remarks, observed :- Example is often powerful minister. in enticing people. Although Christian men, sustained by the grace of God, may continue tem perate without taking the pledge, they should inquire, and look to the step they are taking, whether they may not be influencing by their example, and leading others, little by little, from bad to to give the spiritual labourer his hire, it is in worse, from moderation to escens.

" The meeting was then addressed by one of the members of the association, in a very foreible speech, which the length of our report prevents us inserting. These were between two and three hundred present."- Melbourne Morning Herald.

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For the Wesleyan. A DIALOGUE Between a Collector and his Neighbour about the Support of the Ministry.

COLLECTOR .- Well neighbour, I am collect ing for our Minister this morning, and as you and your family are stated attendants upon the ministry of Mr. -----, I have called upon you to receive what you are in duty bound to pey. NEIGHBOUR-In duty bound to pey-How is that ?

C .- Why you who are so conversant with God's word can't be ignorant that it is the duty me, directly and indirectly, emanate 'rom this of Christians to support their Minister who preaches to them that word. I might refer you it is impossible to consider it but as a very to the duty enjoined upon Israel of old to pay tithes for th upport

things of those who attend that ministry. and that it is their bounden duty to support it.

N - Well, I can't gainsay what you have prov which they were ongaged. I never met with one od me to pay, but mercly to give-be did not

C .- Then he was in error to call a debt a gift, and ought to have read his Bible before he was made collector. a N.--I think they have hit upon the right one

when they chose you-but Sir, I am already in debt to my creditors, should I not pay them

C .- But if you have been a bearer of our mimater ever since you commenced getting things on credit. I don't see why you should pay your merchant first. Many, I know, think they ought, but that is owing to their talling into the same error that you have, viz., that "we must be just before we are generous," forgetting or not knowat considerable length, and amongst other excellent ing that it is a debt and not a gift to pay our

> N .--- You then make it out to be as just a debt to pay the minister as to pay the merchant.

-Certainly and correctly so. For mith St Paul, if we have sown you spiritual things is is a great thing if we shall rean your carnal things! and remember that as God has commanded us vain for you to set it aside by your carnal rea-"Thus saith the Lord," is sufficient sonings. for every man who is disposed to do his duty either to God or man.

N .--- Well I must reason a little, and if I am wrong, you must correct me. Yon knew that I ave a mortgage on my house, and as my family is growing up I am labouring night and day to ry to get it clear for my family's sake.

C .- It is your duty so to endeavour, but will ou wait till then before you pay your minie ter? If you do, you must remember that your dues to your minister will be increasing all that time ; and then when you shall have cleared the first mortgage off, you ought to have another mortgage on, in order to pay your debt to your minister

H .- Worse and worse. I must then remain at home till my house is ulear.

C. -But that would be "doing evil that good may come"-and by so doing, you would incur God's displeasure, and he might curse your blee-sings and so render you unable to labour ; and then perhaps you would fall into the Dooter's hands, and as his debt must be paid, you would be in danger of losing your house altogether, and then the remody would be worse than the disease. If you read Malachi iii., you will see that the people " had gone away from God's ordinances and had not kept them," and that "they were cursed with a curse because they had robbed God in tithes and offerings," and God cursed their blessings, for he devoured and destroy-

ed their fields and vineyards. N .-- Why you will make me out worse than bad i

C .- Object as you may, a man that don't pay curse, and is more likely to become poor than ty enjoined upon Christians in the New Testament. Christ the Head and founder of a liv-N . But the Scriptures command us to provide for our households, and therefore I must ing evangelical ministry unto the end of the feed and clothe them, and give them at least a world, commands his ministers when they go to common education -and more I cannot do.

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Seeking a Wife.

Young man, are you in search for a partness helpmate, a second self, one in whom you can confide, who will soften your pillow, most your rugged path, and do you good all the days of your life? Has the time fully come for this sacred solemn relationship? Open your eyes, walk softly, prayertally; look to God for wisdom. One wrong step here may embitter your whole life, plant thorns in your dying pillow! Be-ware, the crisis is momentous, fearful ! Beware of the foot of pride, of folly and fashion,of self-conceit ; beware of the slattern ; and above all, beware of the novel reader, the vain, giddy, gay, flirting novel reader ; beware! there i death in the pot! Call on the lady toward whom you are favourably disposed, when she least expects you. Is everything neat, tidy, derly about the house, and about her person Is she modest, industrious, sweet-tempered ? Does she understard minutely the philosophy of the kitchen, as well as the parlour? Has the good common sense, with elevated mind ? Does she fear God and reverence his sanctuary ? Be ceive her as an angel. " Many daughters have done virtuously, but she excelleth them all." " Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain ; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be prai-

The Miser's Deughter.

One cold winter, when the ground was # vered with snow, that the little birds could sol find anything to eat, the little daughter of a = serly rich man gathered up all the crumbs could find, and was going to carry them out and scatter them on the snow. Her father my be, and asked her what she was going to do. She told him, and he said, "What good will & do? The crumbs will not be enough to feed one in a hundred of the birds." " I know it. dear father. waid she, "but I shall be glad to save one is a

ricked as well as a very permicious ling. teel that I have detained you too long on this v. ry you are a Christian, I tefer you to the like duparticularly, and is become stronger than ever. But it is only lately that my attention has been important topic but there are those here abierthan called to the great benefits achieved by total ab-I who will address you in more meet tertas than 1 stimence societies; for though I was aware of the can-their presence alone is a far better argument mistence of such institutions in Melbourne, I did than any that I can offer, that there is nothing preach the Gospel, " to provide neither gold, not properly estimate their value. The chief jusanti-scriptural in your society, and as I have al- ; nor silver, nor bress, in their purses," assigning ice, bowever, of N. S. Wales, Sir Alfred Stephen, ready said, its utility is not a matter of argument as a reason " for the workman is worthy of his (than whom none is more sensible of the connexbut of experience.

ion of drunkenness with crime), having on his re-"The right reverend Bishop of Melbourne saidcent visit here, put into my hands a pamphlet on My Christian friends, I am very harmy to appear who "ministered to him of their substance;" the subject : I saw at once that societies such as before you once more. I shall not aduces to you and so did his servant St. Paul, for he acknowyours were filled to be of such incalculable good many words, but I would repeat to you the cordial ledges the receiving " of Epaphroditus things which were sont to him from the church at Philto the best interests of the community, that I attachment which I feel towards your assertion. and the interest I have in its success; and I would ippi as an clour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acmade up my mind at once to offord what aid I ould in support of them. Having made these congratulate you on the presence of his bouor at his Epistic also to the church at Cuinth, 1 Epist chervations, I will address myself to the objecthis festive meeting. I rejoice to see Is a here, ix, he proves that what God enjoined upon the hons urged against societies of this kind. I will and I trust it is the booming of good to the cause Jew he also enjoined upon the Christian. sivert to two. The first, and the one most str ngof temperance in this city; it affects me peculiar ye not know that they which min. (or about to be been to it by his city; it affects in the peculiar by thing live of the things of the temple, and ly put forward against taking the pledge, is, that pleasure to sit by his side, and as far as I underit is anti-religious-that it is subversive of that stand him, to second all that he has just now which we owe to a higher power-that it argues a stated to you.

degrading weakness, and shows a want of proper "When the drunkard is converted from drunkreliance on ourselves. I do not see the force of it; enness, we may then hope that he may have an opit does not appear to me to be a degradation that portunity to judge, to listen, and to receive the we should feel reliance on our own powers insuffcient. We pray to be preserved from temptation, truths most essential to salvation. Far from proand it argues no imputation if, when we feel ournouncing these sucieties as non-scriptural, I hail selves weak and in danger, we pledge ourselves to abstain from that which, though lawful, may God speed us ! and bless you more and morehapt us to do that which is unlawful. Every day, may he make it instrumental in preparing; many for the truths of his word. I will say the a some way or other, it occurs in our social and domestic relations. A father, for instance, knowit is always a gratif, ation for me to hear a tash ing his son's intemperate habits, on hearing that

C .- But you must observe that you are likewise to provide spiritual things for your housement" and pue Lord himself condescended to hold, and one of those, is, their constant attundreceive to cuniary aid from his dependent creaance upon the public ministry and worship of tures. Hence in Lake viii, those are mentioned the Three-one God; and if you are to pay for their carnal this gs you should also pay for their spiritual things. And now, neighbour, to be more faithful with you, let me remind you, that you spend pounds in providing what may be called Insuries, and therefore unnercosury, which could as well be dispensed with, ...d then eptable, well pleasing to God." Phil. iv. 18. In you would have pour, as to give us instad of a w shillings which you are holding in your bands. Why the very staff you chew, moke, and snuf, would amount to more than you hold out to me this norming. And will you an they which wait at the altar are putakers of the you-dare you, as a C'ristian. 1a/ the Mir s. altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that ter less than your Tatarennist? You ca not do so, and be a good and faithet at ward of te they which preach the Gospei should live of the

Gospel." He moreover states that the same just manifold gifts of God. a dat it e last the and merciful principle is acted upon in the var their account with acces an erter on rious occupations of life : In that of the se ver, tor and Judge. Articity is asking, "Who goeth a warfare any time at his much for your plant and to have to own charges ?"- In that of the inubandinan, for soit, are is a specifical this in Nor nouncing these societies as non-scriptural, I hail "Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of deavening to be dy are more to be them as helps to the propagation of the gaspel, the finit thereof?"-- In that of the she planteth paid little or nothing?

"Who feedeth a nock and eateth not of the mak of the flock?" and lastly in that of the farm r of the flock?" and lastly in that of the farm r towards his faithful ox. which to claw on man . ed him not to movie when he treaded in the istorie yield in home i corn, and which he considers as pointing at the C--Y on the take then. He region say that be is a member of the total absticence we doty of the church towardsh ratif all monthes. Enclard, he case you as well as a ferrer be is about to join a convival party, endeavours to sociation, for I can then place confidence in hims. Doth God tike erre for even? or soch he your dety at d remember t

apon it I will only drink moderately." The latter provide is a priority one of draukenness." For there should be particle of the latter of the hope "- provide on the pr