POETRY.

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THE SWALLOWS

An American poet, numed Sprague, is the writer of the following benetiful pnem, suggested by the incident of two Swallows having entered a Church during divine service. It is a production of great feeling and happy thought-See Ps. 84: 3. The Arabian Piet Nabigi has some magnificent verses on the same subject. The Churchman's Magazine.

Gay guiltless pair, What we from the fields of Heaven ? Ye have no need of prayer, Ye have no sine to be forgiven.

Why perch ye here, Where mortale to their Maker bend? Can your pure spirits feat, That God you never could offend !

Ye never knew. The crimes for which we come to weep; Penance is not for you, Blest wanderers of the upper deep.

To you 'tis given, To make sweet nature's untaught lays, Beneath the arch of heaven; To chirp away a life of praise.

Then spread each wing, Far, far above, o'er lakes and lands; And join the choirs that sing, In you blue dome not rear'd with hands

Or if you stay, To note the consecrated hour; Teach me the airy way, And let me try your envied power

Above the crowd. On upward wings could I but fly; I'd bathe in you bright cloud, And seek the stars that gem the sky.

Twere heaven indeed, Through fields of trackless light to soar; On nature's charms to feed, And nature's own great God affore!

FAMILY CIRCLE.

The Right for its own Sake

"James, you must not go over that fence," said Mrs. Mason to her son, who was with her on a visit to her sister. Mrs. Ward; "it is not right that you should do so." "I know it, mother: I am only going to look

over," said James. You had better get down," said Mrs. Mason.

James did so at once

The fence in question separated the yard in which James was playing from a peach orchard, which the owner had forbidden any one to en-The trees were loaded with fi ches, and James thought be would climb to the top of the fence and look at them. He had no thought whatever of taking any of them. He knew it would not be right. Still he was right

in promptly following the advice of his mother. I caused him to avoid temptation. We are not only to resist temptation, but to avoid it whenever duty will permit.

" I observed, sister," said Mrs. Ward, "that you never say anything to your son about the

onsequence of disobemence. "I have taught him the fact, that sin will be punished ; but I have avoided making mention of the penalty every time that I give a command; I do not think it wise to be dwelling constantly upon the penalty of disoledience. I think it interferes with the development of the true principle of obedience. It makes the impression upon the mind of the child, that obe-

alty of disobedience. That impression I doesn to be a very unhappy one."

dence is to be rendered solely to avoid the pen-

and he asks you the reason why he must not : "I should judge from the circumstances of the case whether it was best to give him I resent or not. I have laboured to teach him that the fact that a thing is wrong, is a sufficient reason why he should not do it. I have always gone er reason why he should do a thing, than the the reward in one case, and the penalty in the

"That may do with some children, but not with all. There are some who will not obey not | gorre, and teach material history; display less you hold up the penalty of disobedicace be- | pretore-que beauty, and scenes and objects

"That is true; but it remains to be consider Ad whether the case would not have been differ ent, her care been taken to develop rightly their nature. It is rightly developed by exercisechild on the principle the most is the suprement as and electromy; an norselvent your country is a result of the most is the suprement and electromy; an norselvent is propriety of serious tested in Tile production of the propriety of serious tested in Tile production of the propriety of serious tested in Tile products and, drawn up and by the correction of the propriety of serious tested in Tile products and, drawn up and by the correction of the propriety of serious tested in the propriety of serious

for doing right. I believe our moral nature is so constituted, that it will recognise the obligation, though, from various causes, that obligation may not be met."-Mother's Journal.

The Bill of Exchange.

We find the following incident in one of our exchanges, which we consider too good to be lost, and, therefore, transfer it to the pages of the Merchant's Magazine, as well calculated to call forth the admiration of our mercantile readers. It occurred, we are told in New-York, and the gentleman who appears to so much advantage in it, is well known in Wall-street :- Hunt's Magazine.

" Mr. W. is an Englishman and a Qua-

whole income in benevolent objects; and his for some other employment. It was oppose merit is not lessened by the quiet and unob- ing his wishes, and he was quick in his authe purpose of going into the same line of may put by Latin and try that." business in which Mr. W. then was. The upon the young merchant.

dentally learned the facts in the case, and bie dich." went to his young friend's store.

" George,' said he, ' did not thee buy a bill of Jeremiah some time since ?' ' Yes, sir.'

" Was the bill accepted ?" " No, nir,'

commendation? " I naked thee about it.'

told thee it was good?"

" No ; I don't think I should."

that bill. " The young man gave him the bill. He went to his own store, calculated the amount. Money is no, necessary to procure this eduof exchange at the time when the bill was ention. Every man has it in his power. He is no respector of persons. There is no sedrawn, added the interest up to date, and has merely to use the language which be drew his check for the whole amount, which reads, instead of the street which the hears, country against his advances. As he passes be then sent to his young friend's store. The to form his taste from the popular speakers, through the earth, viewing with relentless hill remains to this day unsatisfied by the writers and poets of the country; to treadrawer. Occasional instances of this kind, sure up choice parases in his memory, and

A Happy Home.

A heppy home greatly depends on the reed for young people. It is no small difficulty to give a useful direction to their play hours, character with good words. Little more has been contemplated in the gambols of youth than the health and activity of their bodies, and the refreshment of their spirits. It is well when these objects can be at- Correspond ats must send their communications written tained without the indulgence of sinful tempers, but youthful sports have often prove tithe nursery of probesambition, and contention. In a military of probesambition, and contention. In a military milit ed, or at least, deemed unavoidable. The seed of revenge in thanbood, has been planted in boyish violence, and the unheeded acts of oppression by the eller boys towards their! juntors, have trained them to tyranny in riper years. Private education affort's greater faculties for checking these evids, but the based weekly, on Baneday Morning—Terms Ten Shie want of the stimulus sup, had by numbers, is apt to render the passing unimeresting, advance—Single Copies three pence each.

The Western Districts are our agents; who will receive no new and make renortances. Suppose you tell him he must not do a thing, | want of the storoulus sup, hed by numbers, is apt to render the position unmeresting, 10

Logh Richmont was alive to these inconvenuences, and endeavoted by succession and variety of recreamons to employ the lessure hours to asymptoge. He had recourse to upon the assumption that I should give no high- | what was to outstull in mature, or ingenious next or spece; and when abroad he colthat that it is minit. Theneve we are to teach be cred monormals to grantly currosity. He first Halifax, Saturday Morniag, Becember 20, 1849. our children that they are under obligation to ted up his museum, and his intrary, with do right, and avoid doing wrong, irrespective of specimens of moreodogy, a struments for experimental philosophy, and interesting; curi sings from every part of the world; be had his magic lantern to exailat phase somefor I med to dide. et a mattras; his various microscopes for examining the minutine of plants and animals; his tele cope for tracing planetary revolutions and appearances; his air pump and other machines for illustrat i forty nice will be numbered with the years ity, and the discharged spirit, it is a like \$ has a mealing to it. If we always act to a classing and explaining the procedure of parameters beyond the find. It was an surgests limit from its one, what taken as plants

under obligation to do right for its own sake, with modern science; whatever, in short, is gone, never to be recalled, and has bornthat child will never think of requiring a reason could store the mind with ideas, or interest it- testimony to the throne of the Eternal and improve the heart. When he travelled, he kept up a correspondence with his family, We are inscribing characters on the table and narrated to them the persons, places, of Eternity. These records of our daily and adventures of his progress. On his return, he enlivened many a lessure hour by larger details of all that he had observed to amuse and improve.—Family Scrap Book.

Anecdote of President Adams.

John Adams the second President of the United States, used to relate the following

grammer; but it was dull and I hated it. My father was auxious to send me to cod go and therefore I studied the grammer till ker. He has realized a foctune in business, could stand it no longer; and going to my and has now retired, spending yearly his father, I told him I did not like study, asked Providence of God, have escaped the thicktrusive manner in which be effects his pur- wer. 'Well, John, if Latin gradinar does pose. Some years since a young gentleman not suit you, try ditching; perhaps in it will, the sons of practical wisdom to guide us in the came out from England to New York, for my meadow yonder needs a diren, and you

" This seemed a delightful charge and to young Englishman brought letters of intro- the meadow I went. But soon It and dichduction to Mr. W., who immediately gave ing harder than Latin, and the first formore I reasonable adventure is as to the future him all the assistance and counsel be needed was the longest I ever experienced. I had to render his success in business sure. After day I ate the bread of lubor, and glad was I he had been in business some time, the when night came on. That night I made young gentleman, who was a Quaker slee, some comparison between Latin grammer against the folly and danger of reddissness had to remit funds to the amount of \$4,000 | and ditening, but said not a word about it, or \$5,000 to England, and seeing a bill of dug next forenoon, and wanted to return to exchange for about the sum advertised, he Latin at dinner; but it was humiliating, and have seen many, whose palses at its comwent to Mr. W., and asked him if it was I could not do it. At night, toil conquered good. He told him at once it was so, and pride; and, though it was one of the severthe young merchant purchased it and sent it estimals I ever had in my file, I told my file to England. But when it arrived there it ther that if he chose, I would go back to Liwas not accepted, and the loss fell, of course, tin grammar. He was glad of it, and if I grave. They have in sed awayhave since gained any distinction, it has been "Some time afterwards, Mr. W. acci- owing to the two days labor in that abomina-

Correct Speaking.

We advise all young people to acquire is early life the habit of using good language, "George, did thee buy that bill at my re- both speaking and writing, and to absorden as early as possible the use of slang words and phrases. The longer they live the " Would thee have bought it, had I not more difficult the acquisition of such language will be; and if the golden age of worth—the proper season for the acquisition well, George, I want thee to give me of language—he passed in its abuse, the unfortunate victim of neglected education is very probably doorned to talk slang for life. and an unvarying practice of truly Christian habituate houseif to their use-avoiding at wittees, have placed the society of Friends the same time that pedantic precision and bombest, which bespraise rather the weak ness of a vin ambition, than the polish of an educated mind. There is no near, however low in rank, who may not materially benefit his financial condition, by following creations and amusements which are provided this advice, and cultivating at the same time such morals and manners, as correspond in

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THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

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In two days more L'item Handre I and and algorithe will close in peace and scar-

living will stand when the brief and feverish period of life is over, and meet our gaze in that day when an irresistible judgment will be prenounced on the past. No obliterations can be effected except through the precious blood of atonement. That can washout the decoest stains of guilt. Through it alone "When I was a boy, I used to study Larin can the sin of the past be forgiven-the wrong be rectified—other principles be superioduced into the heart-another character acquired. Thus we, who, through the thing shalts of death, and are alive at this oday, may review the past to profit, and learn future path of life.

> Yet insensibility becomes us not. An unshould be guarded again t with care. For perience lifts high its voice in warnings and presumption. During the year past we mencement, best vig ready with the careering streams of life, smitten by the hand of death, and from our side tall into the gaping

> > " we leave the other of our, Or stederling Stay From sameer hower."

Were any of us to be called away from the amily circle or the bary scenes of life during the approaching year, the probability is that the stantions would not come to us more unexpectedly than it did in the year now hastening to a close to many who are now numbered with the dead. That many during the ext year will finish their dwelling on carth is certain; and some whose eves now soun these lines may be of this number. Death eve the wreeks of his power, he sings,-

"I spare not the son Of the widow'd che, Northe tal, in her blomit, tine; I take to a long to The to drawing by y. April the stong in his marthor l'a prime."

The close of the year should then remind us of the end of life, and of the high necessity of securing in the method of God's appointment timely preparation for the future-Unholy ambition, undue desire for worldly good, should be checked. Eternity, with its solemn realities, and unchanging character, should control and modify our present purtance of the saints in light, should be valued beyond all price, and industriously sought Such is the testimony of God-such our imperative daty-such our highest interest " Who is wise, and he shall understand there things? Prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgresors shall fall therein." Attaining to this religious knowledge, a pure conscience. & renewed and sanctified heart, through him who " is the way, the truth, and the life."licing, present duties will be performed in due order, weight, and measure, preparation for the fature events of Providence will be possessed,-at once a source of tranquile-The close of the year is rear at hand - ty and a guard again t termenting bur-

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J. R. Ell. 22. " Take with you?

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