

THE HOME CIRCLE.

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How very suggestive is the above heading. Nearly six thousand years have elapsed since the first Home was begun upon earth. The circle then formed was narrow indeed; but ample room was afforded for world-wide extension. Nor was it long in being ere it was threatened with summary extinction, a breach occurring which but for Divine intervention would have dissolved it, and that forever.

Soon, however, it was repaired, and established upon a better and a surer foundation. Still the breach created another family circle in which the chief element of a peaceful, prosperous happy home was entirely wanting—that of piety. In fact the separating destructive principle was *irreligion*, culminating in the horrible crime of murder. Home, worthy of the sacred name of Home, must continue to exist, live and thrive upon pure and undefiled religion, and where such finds a place, both Home and religion grow apace, and if there is any limit to either, *time, space, and circumstances* create that limit. The Christian Home must widen and enlarge its circle until earth itself will be far too small to hold it. Our present purpose is to advocate its *extension*.

Home seeks and finds *place*, and just so soon as the place becomes too cramped and straitened a wider one is sought and secured. Extension, then, is a chief element in the true Home, and to favor this object should be the aim of every intelligent man, woman and child in Christendom.

We advance this blessed object whenever we seek to increase the circulation of religious literature. The advantage of such Christian Magazines as the ADVOCATE becomes at once apparent. The more widespread we scatter the seed of the Word, the more we are doing for the extension of Home and Home influence. The Christian press finds its true sphere in the world in carrying on this glorious work for God. The Pulpit and the Sabbath School have also their appropriate places in the work, but these cannot enter so familiarly within the circle of Home. We claim therefore for the Christian Magazine its proper place in the family. Let us not impede the progress of Home extension in hindering the spread of religious knowledge in the Home circle. Let us manifest our love for humanity by circulating more widely the "*Advocates for Truth*." And let us one and all pray that the seed sown may spring up and fill the whole earth with home-like unity, peace and prosperity.

"Behold how good a thing it is
And how becoming well
Together such as brethren are
In unity to dwell."

A WORD FITLY SPOKEN.

The daughter of an English nobleman was providentially brought under the influence of the followers of Wesley, and thus came to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. The father was almost distracted at the event, and by threats, temptations to extravagance in dress, by