

HOME CULTIVATION.

The home is, or ought to be, the kingdom of heaven in embryo. Almighty God has glorified the name and office of father by taking it to represent Himself in His revelations. And the Church is best understood, appreciated, and loved when it is spoken of as the bride and mother. We feel nearest to God when we are all named as children of the kingdom. We think we understand when we are told the kingdom of heaven is within us. The work of God must begin down in the heart of each one of us, in the spring of his being. There, God must be acknowledged "in secret," in His presence only; there, is the germ of religious life. First, His kingdom must begin within us, expand, and wholly possess us. But the man is the little image of the family, the family the image of heaven. Self-conquest for Christ, self-cultivation, self-development and growth, is the beginning. Expansion towards the very being of God; absolute self-destruction, absolute lowliness, self-forgetfulness, absorption in God, is the progress—the pious heart, the man, the family, the Church, the kingdom. The bud is lost in the flower, the flower is lost in the fruit; the grain of wheat is lost in the blade, the ear, and the food of man. Thus does life mature and perfect into nothingness, become hid with Christ in God, and accomplish all its losing all. And so is the kingdom of God.

And to this high degree must the father of the family aspire, if he desire to lift his home to its high privilege. And his selfishness is equally lost in devotion to the mother. A selfish love is poor and short-lived. A sanctified and true love is as everlasting as heavenly righteousness. And the wife has no right to take a lower illustration of her duty—what the Church owes to Christ—devotion and submission. All beneath is of the earth earthy. These truths are the glorious overhanging firmament of the Christian household, and these are the conditions of its perfection and happiness, its true natural and divine principles.

In this aspect, then, how great the dignity of husband and wife, of father and mother; how great the responsibilities! and how great the privileges and hopes of the children of the family! Think of a family fulfilling its duties, enjoying its earthly privileges, coming entire to its glorification before God.

And is it not at home that the father's high privilege and duty is first to worship God as high priest, perfecting his flock in the study and contemplation of Him as He is? And is it not there that the dear mother feeds and cherishes all the divine in her little ones? And is it not there that in the cultivation and exercise of mutual love, consideration, courtesy, and all heavenly graces, in making each other happy, and in the pursuit of light and truth and righteousness, kindle and accumulate the light and heart of the divine spirit, that is to overspread the world and make earth into heaven?—*Diocesan Chronicle, Richmond Va.*

LITTLE THINGS.—Springs are little things, but they are sources of large streams. A helm is a small thing but it governs the course of a ship. A bridle bit is a little thing, but see its use and power. Nails and pegs are little things, but they hold the large part of little things together. A word, a look, a frown, all are little things, but powerful for good and evil. Think of this, and mind the little things. Pay that little debt, and if it is a promise redeem it; if it is only a shilling hand it over; you know not what important event hangs upon it. Keep your word sacredly; keep it to the children; they will mark it sooner than anybody else, and the effect will probably be as lasting as life. Mind the little things.

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart is the spirit broken.

THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY.

UPON A SUBJECT OF VITAL INTEREST,
AFFECTING THE WELFARE OF ALL.

The following remarkable letter from one of the leading and best known scientific writers of the present day is specially significant, and should be of unusual value to all readers who desire to keep pace with the march of modern discoveries and events:

"A general demand for reformation is one of the most distinctive characteristics of the nineteenth century. The common people, as well as the more enlightened and refined, cry out with no uncertain voice to be emancipated from the slavery of conservatism and superstition which has held the masses in gross ignorance during a large portion of the world's history, and in the time of the 'Dark Ages' came near obliterating the last glimmer of truth. Dogmatic assertions and blind empiricism are losing caste among all classes of all countries. People are beginning to think for themselves, and to regard authority much less than argument. Men and women are no longer willing that a few individuals should dictate to them what must be their sentiments and opinions. They claim the right to solve for themselves the great questions of the day and demand that the general good of humanity shall be respected. As the result of this general awakening, we see, on every hand, unmistakable evidences of reformatory action. People who, a few years ago, endured suffering the most intense in the name of duty, now realize the utter foolishness of such a course. Men who were under the bondage of bigoted advisers allowed their health to depart; suffered their constitutions to become undermined and finally died as martyrs to a false system of treatment. There are millions of people filling untimely graves who might have lived to a green old age had their original troubles been taken in time or properly treated. There are the thousands of people to-day, thoughtlessly enduring the first symptoms of some serious malady and without the slightest realization of the danger that is before them. They have occasional headaches; a lack of appetite one day and a ravenous one the next, or an unaccountable feeling of weariness, sometimes accompanied by nausea and attribute all these troubles to the old idea of a slight cold or malaria. It is high time that people awoke to a knowledge of the seriousness of these matters and emancipated themselves from the professional bigotry which controls them. When this is done and when all classes of physicians become liberal enough to exclude all dogmas, save that it is their duty to cure disease as quickly, and as safely as possible; to maintain no other position than that of truth honestly ascertained, and to endorse and recommend any remedy that has been found useful, no matter what its origin, there will be no more quarreling among the doctors, while there will be great rejoicing throughout the world.

"I am well aware of the censure that will be meted out to me for writing this letter but I feel that I cannot be true to my honest convictions unless I extend a helping hand and endorse all that I know to be good. The extended publication for the past few years and graphic descriptions of different diseases of the kidneys and liver have awakened the medical profession to the fact that these diseases are greatly increasing. The treatment of the doctors has been largely experimental and many of their patients have died while they were casting about for a remedy to cure them."

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Respectfully yours,

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