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OUR HOME CIRCLE.

mannen OUR FOOLISH WISDOM.

BY CARLOTTA PERRY.

Often and often doth he hear, amid The many importanities where with we press Our wants on him, this prayer : "O God forbid

That we should live beyond our usefulness:

Meaning the time when no more in the throng

Of the world's workers we may take our when hand and brain and heart no more are

strong, And when our feet are weary of the race ;

When we must see the sowing of the seed,

Must look on others as they toil and spin, Must see the earnest strife, the noble deed, For the world's good, but take no part dropped, "He will never make a therein.

Then, one day, through a lesson saily sweet Our eyes are opened, and 'tis ours to see How true a guide may be the weariest feet How true a help the helpless hands may be.

Watching some dear face radiant with the light From the great light within, at last we

catch Glimpes of star-shine through the heavy night And read life's deeper meanings while we watch.

The larger love, the growing faith that stirs. Our hearts, the tenderer touch, all show, What lasting helpfulness may still be hers Whose smallest want is ministered unto.

So, till all lengings of the soul are met By the hand's service, till we deem life less Than meat or drink, we may not dare to set A bound or limit to life's usefulness.

YOUNG MINISTER'S STRUGGLES.

REV. J. W. ROBERTS.

Very few persons who knew Dr. John P. Durbin in his prime. once during the sermon, and on when he was quoted in standard each occasion said, "Lord, give works on elocution as a finished orator, have any idea of the us patience."

wonderful struggle he had at the This was enough to break down commencement of his ministerial a veteran in the ministry, and career, and the object of this paper after finishing his discourse, Dur. one of them noticed the steel is to place on record a short his bin sat down completely over- manacles upon his wrist, took hold tory of those first days of painful whelmed, and feeling as if the very of them, and pulling them vigorwaiting before the trumph came. life had gone out of him. From ously, said :

After his conversion young the meeting he went home resolv-Durbin felt a call to preach the ed to give up the ministry. As for?" Gospel, but shrank from that duty soon as his mother saw him she for two reasons: 1st, His natural knew he was in deep trouble and them off, ignorant of the dreadful timidity, which was great, almost anguish of spirit, and gently in- truth of why they were there. station one day, when I saw a last days will come we are not ness of lack of qualifications for told her, and then added, "I can appealed piteously: so important and responsible a not endure this, and shall be comcalling. But the impression be pelled to quit the ministry." She ugly things; I don't like to see have connected the engine with told. So little hint is given of its came so strong as to rob him of questioned him again, "Do you them on you. Take them off so the carriages," I said, "I presume exact locality in history that its His mother perceived something work?" "I do, or I never should By this time the other children was troubling him, and with a have continued in it as I have. joined in the appeal, and the crowd mother's solicitude, inquired the But what is the use of trying to of persons surrounding could cause. The sympathy between accomplish any good when every not repress their tears. Attength mother and son was very tender, thing is against me?" "If God the train rolled up, the murderand to her he unbosomed his soul. has really called you to this work er was taken from his weeping engine will convey the train to Men hie them to their business, She advised him to pray over the and I fully believe he has, he will family, and was soon on his way its destination?" matter. He replied that he had bring you out into the light in his to await his terrible doom. already made it a subject of ear. own good time. He may try you nest, heart-burdened prayer for a as the gold is tried, only to purify long time. She said: "Pray and and refine, but will never forsake wait a little longer so as to you. Do not give up the work as thoroughly test the call, whether long as you feel in your heart and it be of God or not." He did so. mind that your call is from God. member of the School Commis-ice of God or not." He did so. mind that your call is from God. member of the School Commis-nects with Christ; 'He that believ-the days before the flood, when The mother more closely observed If you do you will make shipwreck sion of Inquiry on the Schools of eth on the Son hath everlasting men "were eating and drinking, heard him struggling and groan- During this conversation, as are employed, has just appeared, the work, and by its strength until the day that Noah entered ing in prayer, as if wrestling with was their custom on all similar and makes most painful revela- conveys all the carriages to their the ark, and knew not until the God. Finally she perceived that occasions, the son sat on a low tions of the nanner in which destination, so surely has Christ flood came and took them all his health and enjoyment were stool at his mother's feet with his these schools are conducted. In done all the work for a poor sin- away, so shall the coming of the both yielding to the mental strain, head bowed upon her lap, which the province of East Flanders ner, and all that believe on Him Son of man be." and she asked : "Do you still feel was often wet with his tears. She there were in 1840 only eighty- are connected with Him, and He as deeply as ever the impression stroked his hair with a mother's four Ecoles Dentellieres; now will convey them safely to glory. that it is your duty to devote touch of tenderness, the very next there are more than 300. They God's 'hath' will never, never fail. the world about great preachers! your life to the ministry?" "I do. to God's, all the time pouring mostly belong to different religi- Tell me now, is the link on? Do There are too many men converted men. The call seems to be more imper- words of soothing comfort into his ous communities, such as the you believe in Christ?" ative each day, and I have no ears, which were as balm to his Apostolines, the Maricoles, the "No sir," replied the man, only to their human priest or minpeace because of it. And yet how troubled soul. Sometimes he Josephites, the Collectines, the "this link is not on." can I preach when I am so poorly would be convulsed with the depth Sours de Marie and the Sours de "Believe on the Lord Jesus qualified for the work?" "God of his emotions; but she never Charite. The age of admission is Christ, God's Son, and you will that One is their Master, even qualified for the work r and you will that One is emotions, but she never makes any mistakes, my permitted him to leave the stool as low as five or six years. In find that God's link never breaks. Christ! How Paul would rebuke sen, and it the call is from him until he was calm, and to a degree, many of the schools they are That 'hath' of God never gave us if he were here! Ah, to be done you will find help. The apostles at least, reassured. On this occa-taught nothing except to work. way yet, and never will." Just forever in the pulpit with a human | ly," Mary said to me the other you will find help. The aposties at least reason the "iron had entered so In some an hour, often less, is de-were only fishermen or others un-big hourt" the voted to reading and writing of for my train to more and personality which commands and day. She had just been compewere only fishermen or others un- sion the non-had entered so at that moment the signal sound-learned, and yet God signally deeply into his heart," the voted to reading and writing, ed for my train to move on, and consumes, instead of serving and ting for a prize in composition. qualified them for their great struggle was long and severe; but Besides this there is nothing but as I was borne away I called out, being consumed, instead of serving and ting for a prize in composition. the days of miracles are past." upon his brow, and her words of the loom. What is much more ble you to believe." "It does not require any visible *felt* sympathy united with holy serious is the time they are kept Dear reader, let me ask you display of miraculous power in faith, could not be fruitless. At at school. In general the gates seriously, Is the link on? Are these days for God to help his last he reached up, placed his arm open at 5:30 in summer, and at 7 you connected with Christ who is servants to preach the Word, around her neck, drew her face in winter, and the children are in Heaven? Have you believed The HolySpirit can do the work in down and kissed her cheek, saying kept at work till S:30 in sum- the love of God? Have you rethe most quiet and yet most effi- "God bless you, my noble, devot- mer and till 8 in winter. The ceived His Son, the Lord Jesus manifestation." Suffice to say that John was it, she said: "Now, John, give from 6 in the morning till 6 in Words. soon licensed and placed as junior me a list of your appointments, the evening, but these limits of preacher on a circuit. And then naming the day and the hour time are seldom observed, and commenced the real battle of life. when you are to preach, and I nearly always exceeded. The mence life, not indeed as sheets His great diffidence added to what will pray for you especially at effects on the health of those so of blank paper on which we may he felt as a lack of preparation for each time." the work of the ministry were He did so. When he set out than most injurious. From con riety of temper and inclination sore hindrances to success. He on this, the last round before the tinually stooping over their work for good and for evil bequeathed seldom met his senior colleague, meeting of the annual conference, the girls, especially those who to them by those who gave them the circuit being so large, and after they had prayed together, as begin very young, coatract defor- birth. The education which fails NEWTON'S CHILDHOOD. when he did it was only to receive was their custom, and those pray- mities; this attitude, combined to recognize this is radically dedirections as to the work to be ers of his mother were spoken into with the use of chaufferettes (foot- fective. The external forces emdone, and little or no instruction the ear of God, and her faith lifted stoves), makes them subject to ployed to train a child are suc-done, and little or no instruction the ear of God, and her faith lifted stoves), makes them subject to ployed to train a child are suc-mechanics. When he was born or encouragement in it. At the him up into heaven among the chest complaints, and nearly all cessful only as they are adapted end of each round on the circuit angels, the redeemed, and by the those who begin early become to draw out, to guide or to rehe would go home painfully dis- side of his loving Lord-she laid short sighted from having to keep strain the internal impulses. Un-Couraged and burdened, and pour her hands of benediction upon their work close to their eyes. out his full soul to his mother, him, as only a mother can do, and This is not all. The unfortu- pulses are, and are likely to beand a better counsellor he could said : "Remember, my son, when-health and work without inter- quaint ourselves with their origination of the weak infant grew to be a read a book, do it incrouging. Have a high standard for everyasked him if he still felt the call your mother is praying for you. mission, are miserably paid. A gin, their nature and their probto the ministry was from God, and Nothing shall hinder me. No portion, estimated at 20 per cent. able results, we are not fit to take on being assured that he did, she | difference where I am or what I of their wages is retained by the | part in the guidance of a youthencouraged him, gave him sound am doing, when the hour comession nuns, who pay the young child. ful mind, Most of the failures of advice, prayed with and comforted will pray while you preach, that ren as little as they like, and this parents and educators proceed him; and fixing up his scanty God may help you." This was has been a frequent subject of from ignorance of these facts.

apparel to the best advantage, sent him out again to his work. Matters continued after this manner for a year or more, and young Durbin did not get out into the light, except at rare intervals a gleam of sunshine from the Spirit would give him momentary relief, liberty, and cheer; but the shadows settled down again. He had no encouragement from the older preachers, but often the reverse; and the people, possibly taking their cue from the preachdified.- Western Christian Adv. ers, were rather cold, and with rare exceptions gave him no aid,

either by advice or sympathy. AN AFFECTING SCENE. Sometimes the remark would be

The following is from the Evanpreacher," or, "He has mistaken gelical Messenger. What a terrihis calling," and these reaching ble revelation of sorrow! And his ears would almost crush him. what an eloquent lesson of warn-As an example, when attending ing! No man sins unto himself quarterly-meeting at Dayton, O., alone. Others are affected by his Adjet McGuire being presiding offenses. This wife and these childelder, it was decided that he should ren are not only widowed and orpreach on Saturday evening. The phaned by the dreadful crime of a presiding elder was prejudiced husband and father, but through against the young man, and durlife the disgrace of his bloody Begone with feud! away with strife ing service sat in front of the puldeed and hangman's death will pit right under him. Durbin took stain their otherwise fair names : his text, the 16th verse of the A heart-breaking scene occur-104th Psalm, "The trees of the red in a Southern State several Lord are full of sap," etc., and weeks ago, showing the bitterness made a spiritual application of the and cruelty of sin and the suffersame which was really beautiful ings of helpless innocence with as he afterwards elaborated it. the guilty. John Thomas, con-But on this occasion he was emvicted of murder, and sentenced barrassed, partly perhaps because to be hanged in April, 1884, was the elder was present, and so did on his way to Atalanta jail, where not do himself full justice, though he was to be confined until the he said some fine things. But the day of execution. While waiting presiding elder took out his watch for the train at the railroad sta- There are no rivals in the dusttion in Palmetto his wife sat by him, her head upon his breast, sobbing violently. His three lit- Far better stoop where daisies droop tle children were gathered at his knees, kissing his hands and beg- Of what are all the joys we hold ging him not to go. At length

"Papa, what have you these on

The child kept trying to pull

"Papa, do please take off these

like a new baptism from heaven complaint from the parents. A for young Durbin. It nerved his nun who had been connected with soul. At every appointment be one of these schools is quoted as felt wonderfully strengthened by having acknowledged that clever er sees the setting, of a sun sets the assurance that "Mother is and experienced work-women of which he never sees the rising. now praying for me." And he who continued to go to school knew what the prayers of that could not, by working fifteen mother were. He had never hours a day, earn more than one preached so well; and some of franc fifty centimes or two francs the people were cheered, while a day; of these there might be row coffer, laid away deeply in others were almost persuaded to four or five to a hundred who give up their prejudices; but the earned merely a trifle. A child popular verdict was not entirely is mentioned who, after working reversed, though somewhat mo- two months, took home thirty centimes as her wages, or at the rate of half a centime a day. An-

other, twelve years old, had for three years' work received five francs, or less than one centime a day. Their earnings went to the convent, and what the convents have gained from the work of these poor girls must amount annually to a very large sum, which there is no means of calculating .- London Globe.

NO TIME FOR HATING.

Our human hearts unmating ! Let us be friends again! This life Is all too short for hating ! So dull the day, so dim the way, So rough the road we're faring-Far better weal with faithful friend Than stalk alone uncaring !

The barren fig, the withered vine, Are types of selfish living ! But souls that give, like thine and mine. Renew their life by giving. While cypress waves o'er early graves, On all the way we're going, Far better plant, where seed is scant, Than tread on fruit that's growing. Away with scorn ! Since die we must No foes beneath the willow. So dry the bowers, so few the flowers, Our earthly way discloses,

Than tramp o'er broken roses Compared to joys above 1s ! And what are rank, and pover and gold, Compared to hear's that love us? So fleet our years, so full of tears. So closely death is waiting;

God gives us space for loving grace, But leaves uo time for hating. "IS THE LINK ON.

I was waiting at the railway porter, who was attaching a num- informed. The month, the year, ber of heavily laden vans to an engine by a single link." When you in which it will occur, is not forthe train can be moved ?'

"Yes, sir," he replied.

THE LAST DAY.

Each man has his last day. To each a sun rises of which he nev-Rosy dawns will ascend, hours crowned with light go treading gayly over the earth ; but not for him. Fast locked up in the narthe bowels of the earth, he lies in ttiff unconsciousness of the long srocession above him of days and pasons and ages. Families have their last day.

Households part never to meet again. Ancient lines dating back beyond the Conquest, at last come to an end. The ancestral mansion is vacant, the title is extinct, the estates revert to the state. In almost every community " there is one alone, he hath neither child nor brother, and his last day will be the last of his name and race.

States also have their last day. Where are the thrones of Carthage and Tyre, of Assyria and Egypt, of Macedon and Rome? All gone, like extinct individuals and families. After defying the trickle and the flood, the rust and the battle of centuries, they at last gave way. One sun arose on them still breathing, the next found them only matters of history. In the interval they have passed from something to nothing. And other states occupied their places ; not a few of whom. in their turn, have expired and been laid away in the cemeteries of history.

Also, the world will have its last day. We have the best authority for saying that the time will come when the human race will disappear in a body from the play with ; he watched the moearth, and the planet itself and all things therein be burned up. Also the best of authority for speaking of that time as a day, and as the last day. The Book

has spoken-not merely the analogies. "After its words they speak not again, and its speech drops upon them."

the century, the millenium even,

actual advent will take the world be rich, but a spendthrift.

time, sent him to the best schools, and to the University of Cambridge. At school he soon showed his natural taste; he amused himself with little saws, hatchets, hammers, and different tools, and when his companions were at play spent his time in making machines and toys. He made a wooden clock when he was twelve years old, and the model of a windmill, and in his mill he put a mouse, which he called his miller, and which turned the wheels by running around its cage. He made a water-clock four feet high, and a cart with four wheels, not unlike a velocipede, in which he could drive himself by turning a windlass.

His love of mechanics often interrupted his studies at school, and he was sometimes making clocks and carriages when he ought to have been construing Latin and Greek. But his mind was so active that he easily caught up again with his fellowscholars, and was always fond of every kind of knowledge. He taught the school-boys to make paper kites ; he made paper lanterns by which to go to school in the dark winter mornings; and sometimes at night he would alarm the whole country round by raising his kites in the air with a paper lantern attached to the tail ; they would shine like meteors in the distance, and the country people, at that time very ignorant, would fancy them omens of evil, and celestial lights.

ment. He learned to draw and sketch ; he made little tables and sideboards for the children to tion of the sun by means of pegs he had fixed in the wall of the house where he lived, and marked every hour.

SURE SIGNS.

When a child is patient and persevering and conquers difficulties, it is a sign he will make his mark in the world.

If he worries and frets and stews, it is a sign he is likely to die prematurely, and to live to little purpose.

If he is in a hurry to spend each cent as he gets it, he will never If he hoards up his pennies,

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LACE-MAKING IN BEL-GIUM.

Lacemakers in which young girls life.' Just as that engine does all marrying and giving in marriage,

work ?" "Oh yes, sir."

"And when that link is on, the brightly and steadily as usual. "Yes, sir, if it don't break."

"Well, now let us ask you an- all the world, like the sun, is movother question, Are you linked to ing along the beaten highway of Christ in Heaven? Shall I tell the ages without a thought of its A report by M. Scalquin, a the name of the link; faith con-steps farther on. As it was in

earth, and not so much as knowing

regulations issued by the Bishop Christ? And remember, God's As soon as he was prepared for of Bruges fix the school hours "link" never breaks, -Faithful

> CHILDREN. - Children comemployed cannot be otherwise write at will, but with every valess we discover what these im-

at large by surprise. Like the "Then the engine does all the springing of a snare or the comand will not part with one for any ing of a thief will it be. Up rolls good cause, he is likely to be a that last sun from the east as miser.

If he is careful, and economical and generous, he may or may not their pleasures, without a thought be rich; but he will have the blessing of God, and, if he is a Chrisof change. . . . . . . In a word, tian, he will never want. If he is obedient to his parents he has the promise that " his days. you what the link is ? 'Faith' is coming to an abrupt end a few shall be long in the land." If he is lazy and indifferent, and neglects his studies, he will grow up a dunce, and men cannot respect him.

out their idolized master on the

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE CHILD'S SONG.

Bright and merry is the lay

I am singing every day-

-u. in his tender care,

Watcheth, watcheth everywhere.

And in pastures green will lead.

Cheerfal, then, I'll march along,

Fears can ne'er my heart alarm While I'm leaning on his arm.

Precious thought; delightful too,

Till he takes me home above.

His sweet love is ever new.

In the morning of my days

And my cheerful song shall be,

I'll be happy in his love

Christ my joy and Christ my song.

All the little Lumbs he'll feed,

If he reads dime novels, or low, trashy, vile, five-cent papers, he will likely end his days in a prison or upon the gallows.

If he loves his Bible, and his church, and his Sunday-school, he will be good and useful and occupy an honorable position among Are you patient, persevering,

prayerful, contented, careful, generous, and good?

Are you trying to be?

# BE THOROUGH.

once after I wrote it, and I never practiced it in the chapel at all." She was naturally far more

gitted than Alice, who was her principal competitor. Alice wrote and rewrote her essay, and practiced it again and again. The day came. Alice read her composition in a clear, distinct voice, without besitation or lack of expression. It was condensed and well written. Mary's could not be heard beyond the fifth row of seats, and was long and uninteresting. Alice won the prize. One remembered and the other Heart and voice shall chant his praise, forgot that truth so trite, but so

aptly put by Carlyle, "Genius is an immense capacity for taking trouble.' One by patient, persistent effert, obtained what the other relied upon her natural talent to

December 25, 1642, three months win for her. after his father's death, he was so Whatever you do, whether you small and feeble that no one supsweep a room, or make a cake, or until he was eighty-four years thing. Not alone because only old. He began to invent or con- thus can you win honor and distinctrive machines, and to show his tion, but because this is the only taste for mechanics in early child- | honest, right Christian way to use hood. He inherited some proper- the gifts God has bestowed upon ty from his father, and his moth- you. To be honest before him we er, who had married a second must be thorough.

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