

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

OUR FOOLISH WISDOM.

BY CARLOTTA PERRY. Often and often loth he hear, amid... Meaning the time when no more in the...

Then, one day, through a lesson sadly sweet... Watching some dear face radiant with the light...

The larger love, the growing faith that stirs... What lasting helpfulness may still be hers...

A YOUNG MINISTER'S STRUGGLES.

REV. J. W. ROBERTS.

Very few persons who knew Dr. John P. Durbin in his prime, when he was quoted in standard works on elocution as a finished orator...

After his conversion young Durbin felt a call to preach the Gospel, but shrank from that duty for two reasons: 1st, His natural timidity, which was great, almost excessive...

During this conversation, as was their custom on all similar occasions, the son sat on a low stool at his mother's feet with his head bowed upon her lap...

As soon as he was prepared for it, she said: "Now, John, give me a list of your appointments, naming the day and the hour when you are to preach, and I will pray for you especially at each time."

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...

As an example, when attending quarterly-meeting at Dayton, O., Adjet McGuire being presiding elder, it was decided that he should preach on Saturday evening.

This was enough to break down a veteran in the ministry, and after finishing his discourse, Durbin sat down completely overwhelmed, and feeling as if the very life had gone out of him.

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He did so. When he set out on this, the last round before the meeting of the annual conference, after they had prayed together, as was their custom, and those prayers of his mother were spoken into the ear of God...

like a new baptism from heaven for young Durbin. It served his soul. At every appointment he felt wonderfully strengthened by the assurance that "Mother is now praying for me."

AN AFFECTING SCENE.

The following is from the Evangelical Messenger. What a terrible revelation of sorrow! And what an eloquent lesson of warning! No man sins unto himself alone.

"Papa, what have you these on for?" The child kept trying to pull them off, ignorant of the dreadful truth of why they were there.

LACE-MAKING IN BELGIUM.

A report by M. Scalquin, a member of the School Commission of Inquiry in the Schools of Lacemakers in which young girls are employed, has just appeared, and makes most painful revelations of the manner in which these schools are conducted.

CHILDREN. — Children commence life, not indeed as sheets of blank paper on which we may write at will, but with every variety of temper and inclination for good and for evil bequeathed to them by those who gave them birth.

This is not all. The unfortunate creatures, who ruin their health, and work without intermission, are miserably paid. A portion, estimated at 20 per cent, of their wages is retained by the nuns, who pay the young children as little as they like, and this has been a frequent subject of

complaint from the parents. A nun who had been connected with one of these schools is quoted as having acknowledged that clever and experienced work-women who continued to go to school could not, by working fifteen hours a day, earn more than one franc fifty centimes or two francs a day.

NO TIME FOR HATING.

Begone with feud! away with strife; Our human hearts unmaking! Let us be friends again! This life is all too short for hating!

IS THE LINK ON?

I was waiting at the railway station one day, when I saw a porter, who was attaching a number of heavily laden vans to an engine by a single link.

"Oh yes, sir." "And when that link is on, the engine will convey the train to its destination?" "Yes, sir, if it don't break."

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, and you will find that God's link never breaks. That 'hath' of God never gave way yet, and never will."

Dear reader, let me ask you seriously, Is the link on? Are you connected with Christ who is in Heaven? Have you believed the love of God? Have you received His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ? And remember, God's "link" never breaks.—Faithful Words.

THE LAST DAY.

Each man has his last day. To each a sun rises of which he never sees the setting, of a sun sets of which he never sees the rising.

Families have their last day. Households part never to meet again. Ancient lines dating back beyond the Conquest, at last come to an end.

Where are the thrones of Carthage and Tyre, of Assyria and Egypt, of Macedonia and Rome? All gone, like extinct individuals and families.

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 earth, and the planet itself and all things therein be burned up.

Exactly when this greatest of last days will come we are not informed. The month, the year, the century, the millenium even, in which it will occur, is not told. So little hint is given of its exact locality in history that its actual advent will take the world at large by surprise.

O, there is too much babble in the world about great preachers! There are too many men converted only to their human priest or minister, chattering ceaselessly about their idolized master on the earth, and not so much as knowing that One is their Master, even Christ!

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE CHILD'S SONG.

Bright and merry is the lay I am singing every day— Jesus in his tender care.

NEWTON'S CHILDHOOD.

Sir Isaac Newton is the greatest of modern philosophers and mechanics. When he was born December 25, 1642, three months after his father's death, he was so small and feeble that no one supposed he would live a day; but the weak infant grew to be a healthy, robust man, who lived until he was eighty-four years old.

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.

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.

He was never idle for a moment. He learned to draw and sketch; he made little tables and sideboards for the children to play with; he watched the motion 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 is in a hurry to spend each cent as he gets it, he will never be rich, but a spendthrift.

If he is careful, and economical and generous, he may or may not be rich; but he will have the blessing of God, and, if he is a Christian, he will never want.

If he is obedient to his parents he has the promise that "his days shall be long in the land."

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.

Are you patient, persevering, prayerful, contented, careful, generous, and good?

BE THOROUGH.

"I never do a thing thoroughly," Mary said to me the other day. She had just been competing for a prize in composition.

The day came. Alice read her composition in a clear, distinct voice, without hesitation 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.

Whatever you do, whether you sweep a room, or make a cake, or write an essay, or trim a hat, or read a book, do it thoroughly.

One by patient, persistent effort, obtained what the other relied upon her natural talent to win for her.

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