

The Family.

OFFERED GLADNESS. In the dimness of the marshland...

When from sorrow dark escaping, And in our heart the shadows stay, We doubly mourn in our hastling...

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A MISSIONARY STORY.

In the beautiful island of Ceylon, many years ago, the native Christians, who had long worshipped in bungalows and old Dutch chapels...

The deed was noised abroad, and came to the knowledge of a young theological student, who was also a beneficiary of the mission...

Some one in the United States had been for years contributing twenty dollars annually for the support of this young Hindoo girl...

Finding himself in Hanover, N.H., preaching to the students of Dartmouth College, he happened in conversation to hear some one speak of Mrs. Peabody...

The first words, after an introduction at her house, were: "I have come to bring you a glad report, for I cannot but think that it is you we in Ceylon owe the opportunity of educating one who has proved as lovely and consistent a native convert as we have ever had..."

"Alas!" said the lady, "although the girl bears my name, I wish I could claim the honour of educating her; it belongs not to me, but to Louisa Osborne, my poor coloured cook..."

In telling this story, Dr. Poor used to pause at this point and exclaim: "To the poor-house! Do you believe God would ever let that good woman die in the poor-house? Never!"

The missionary learned that the last known of Louisa Osborne, she was residing in Lowell, Mass. In due time his duties called him to that city...

As he passed the poor-house, he saw a crowd of people gathered about it, and he saw a woman, who he knew to be Louisa Osborne, being taken into the poor-house...

"What made you do it?" With downcast eyes, and in a low and trembling voice she replied: "Well, I do not know, but I guess it was my Lord Jesus..."

The seal of Calvin, one of the great apostles of the Reformation, represents a hand holding a burning heart, illustrative of his life-principle: "I give Thee all; I keep back nothing for myself..."

WITH boys the question of dress is one of minor importance. The members of a class of boys may vary largely as to the costliness and cut of their clothes, and yet sit comfortably together...

DRESS IN THE SCHOOL.

What can be done about it? If girls of varying social position and wealth are in the same class, the teacher can do something by watching for the first appearance of this trouble, and seeking to counteract it...

But the mothers can do what the teachers cannot; they can control the dress of their daughters. The teacher may suggest to the girls that it is not well to bring their finery for display to the house of God, or to excite the envy of others by a show of dress...

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NOBLENESS OBLIGE.

A SINGULAR story has lately been brought to light concerning the death of the Duke of Richmond, who was Governor-General of Canada in the early part of this century...

In the life of Prince Gallitzin there is an account of one of his ancestors who incurred the displeasure of the Czarina Anna, one of the most cruel of Russian princesses...

"Do you like your couch, Boyar?" "It is not," he replied, proudly, "for a Gallitzin to complain..."

"Gin I should tell you a lee," said the poor clansman, "a' the deid Cawmiles in the Highlands would rise agen me..."

John Woolman, a poor Quaker tailor, followed the call of God to preach in London in the midst of the plague. He took the disease and died in great misery...

"O God, I had well-nigh failed!" he said. "But I remembered that I had called Thee Father, and my strength returned..."

A HOLY ALLIANCE.

Why, oh why, cannot there be a holy alliance between the athlete and the Christian? an alliance against the common enemies of both—against intemperance, and indolence, and dissipation, and effeminacy...

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A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.

In Moffat's account of one of his early African journeys on the Congo River he says:—"We had travelled far, and were hungry, thirsty, and fatigued. The people at the village roughly directed us to halt at a distance. We asked for water, but they would not supply it..."

"GOOD-BY."

COURTESY and respect to one's employer, whether in his presence or out of it, is good policy, even if one has no higher motive...

"Is that you Susie? Has that old hound of a Griggs got home yet?" Mr. Griggs called Susie, and said, "Just inquire through the 'phone who this young man is that wants to speak to you..."

"Tell the baldheaded old idiot that it's Charlie Spry." "Young man," replied Griggs, in his most sepulchral voice, "you are talking to the Old Idiot now, instead of Susie, and the venerable fool won't need your services after to-day, Good-by..."

ONE WAY TO GET MARRIED.

THE two young people are not at all rich. They are going to live in four rooms upstairs in a little suburban house. Neither one had a home, and when they made up their minds to be married they began first of all to save from their earnings to furnish for themselves a corner which they could call home...

AMUSEMENTS AND MISS MARSH'S RULE.

MANY years ago (says the biographer of Hedley Vicers) four simple thoughts as to the vexed question of how far those who desire to live for God should join in social amusements, seemed to me to reduce every mountain of difficulty to a molehill...

STRENGTH AND COURAGE.—To call to mind often that we are the redeemed of the Lord; that we have been born of the Spirit; and that we are watched over by angels; that God has sworn by Himself that we shall not fall of Heaven; that Jesus is in Heaven preparing a place for us; that the Holy Ghost is in our hearts preparing us for Heaven; and that we shall in a little while be welcomed into the glorious presence of the King of Glory, ought to make us strong both to do and to endure for Christ...

FOR WAGE-EARNERS.—Our counsel to workmen is not to trust to eight-hour laws, but to follow the advice of Mr. Arthur, the Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which is as follows: "Be sober, be frugal, be industrious, and practice a little self-denial for the benefit of those who are dependent upon your daily earnings..."

WELL DONE!—The Knights of Labour deserve credit for one thing, which perhaps is not generally known. They refuse to receive into membership any saloon keeper or liquor dealer, or any man whose habits point to a drunkard's life. This is an excellent provision, and if carried out will do much to give character and strength to the organization. This is a blow to the whiskey business from an unexpected quarter, which all the friends of the labouring class will hail with delight. Boycott the saloons!—St. Louis Observer.