

LITERARY.

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The following are a few only of the many interesting and valuable papers which have appeared in its July issues: "Lord Wolseley's Marlborough," by Gen. Sir Archibald Alison, G. C. B.; "The Proposed Nile Reservoir," by J. P. Mahaffy and Frank Dillon; "In the River Peiho," by Wm. Laird Clowes; "The Queen and Lord Palmerston," by Reginald B. Brett; "The Problem of Constantinople," by Frederick Harrison; "Marlborough," by And. Lang; "A French Ambassador at the Court of Catherine II," by Mrs. d'Arcy Collyer; "Some Great Churches of France," by Walter Pator; "Handel: Man and Musician," by Frederick J. Crowest; and "The Art of Dying," by I. A. Taylor.

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MAKING SUNDAY PLEASANT.

The responsibility of making Sunday a pleasant day for the children ought not to fall upon mothers alone. Fathers often excuse themselves on the ground that they have worked hard all the week, and need rest on that day, forgetful of the fact that their wives have also been working through the week. In a certain family Sunday is called 'papa's day,' because he then devotes himself almost exclusively to the children. He takes one hour for rest, but the remainder of the time is given to them. The mother joins in the plans, but does not assume any care, and thus finds the relief from the watchfulness which she has exercised over them all the week.

In pleasant weather the family take a quiet walk together. This is far better than allowing the boys and girls to go off with companions of their own age. In this household those who are old enough to attend Sunday-school study the lesson together and talk about it at the breakfast table. The hour before the little ones retire is spent in singing hymns, ending with a simple devotional service, in which one of the older children reads the Scriptures, and each member of the family offers a short prayer. In this home the children consider Sunday the shortest and pleasantest day of the week.—*Congregationalist.*

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