

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

SYMPATHY. O Pain, thy realm is wide! Must I let the hearts beneath thy sway...

TIM AND HIS BOIBLE.

"Gude mornin' to ye, Father O'Leary. The top o' the mornin' to ye. I hope the wurreld wags better with you than with meself..."

"At this juncture, Father O'Leary took Tim by the arm, and telling Mrs. O'Flagerty she could go home, and her son would soon follow her, he took a seat under a tree and talked to him a long time upon the duties of children to their parents, and then bade him go home, saying that he hoped to hear no more complaints from his mother because of disobedience..."

such anguish any longer, went up to him, and reaching up his little copy of the New Testament, said: "Ob, sir, please take my book and read of the wonderful Jesus, then you won't be afraid, for it says, 'Even the winds and the sea obey him.' I ain't a bit afraid, for I love him, and he wont let me be hurt..."

and they will do more to-day for your happiness than any other people. Ask them, and above all ask God. I used to smile at John Brown of Haddington because, when he was about to offer his hand and heart in marriage to one who became his lifelong companion, he opened the conversation by saying: "Let us pray..."

Thus the convert's break-down moved more souls heavenward than did his happy flight that day. If we truly yield ourselves to the Spirit of the Lord, he will honor himself, and bless other souls, through greatly differing utterance and operations.

Then Dr. Barnes gave the bottle of medicine to their mother, and said: "This is for Johnny; give a tablespoonful every two hours. As for, Joe he will be all right shortly, without medicine..."

THE SUNDAY SEPTEN CONFIDEN PSALM The author of the bably King David it belongs to the others that it was occasion when from the hands of 2 Sam. 21: 15- that its occasion Saul by Doeg the 22: 9, etc. It se to belong to the bellion, like Ps. 3 David was fleeing son and an exile the service of the House of the Lord temple, "his temple," cannot to the Mosaic to the congregation bly still at Gibe moved it to Jeru 3, etc., but to erected for the Zion, 2 Sam. 6: EXPLI My light, this the Old Testame the light, John fies, probably reous loes from y delivered him 1 Sam 17: 38-4 10; 24: 1, etc. up, etc., figur beasts; Job 16: bed, tailed of were themselves past experience him courage agt ture danger, R better, "in spit One thing, to sanctuary, wher ible presence, c continually, w thing in life. B abide. Beauty nances of wors beauty of holin munion with G er, contemplat of his tabernac holy of holies; safety it nowh would dare en Rock, figurativ reach of my on 4. The nearer ther one is from Head be lifted d downcast; trust Sacrifices of joy loud expression giving. When thoue brow. Seek y to the words thee?"; then the sent as re holding them r ring that it w upon which th his prayer. I Hide not, etc., would seek th should, theref now that I am not from me, 1 Peter 3: 12; therefore do mercy to dista 14: 6; Plann ness," et. Mat Acts 9: 1. det Had fainted, th well express would faint" trust a God's living, not of the earthly manifest. W absolute faith can give us t fident courag say, for great QUESTION 1. Is the L and strengt 2. Of whot of whom not 3. Do you and his serv woods, to eve 4. If you d 5. When y in praise of 6. In how Lord?—Cond book. GROV This is one flowers, and to be found a tively few g per cultivat ing the fine the grounds amazement beauty of th will forthwit their own pi ed with the grow the sav es, the ough so signally they had be often reply neighbor, w them, but t When told t seed of the from the fl was matured -ust, and the

SECURITY.

Rock of Ages, clef for me, I have found a rest in thee, In affliction's dreary hour, Thou hast shown thy gracious power Help me, Lord, that power to praise Evermore thro' all my days.

MATRIMONY.

Before you give your heart and hand in holy alliance, use all caution; inquire outside as to habits, explore the dispositions, scrutinize the taste, question the ancestry, and find out the ambitions. Do not take the heroes and heroines of cheap novels for a model. Do not put your lifetime happiness in the keeping of a man who has a reputation of being a little loose in morals, or in the keeping of a woman who dresses fast. Remember that while good looks are a kindly gift of God, wrinkles or accident may despoil them. Remember that Byron was no more celebrated for his beauty than for his depravity. Remember that Absalom's hair was not more splendid than his habits were despicable. Hear it, hear it: The only foundation for happy marriage that ever has been or ever will be is good character. Ask father and mother's counsel in this most important step of your life. They are good advisers. They are the best friends you ever had. They make more sacrifices for you than any one else ever did,

SPEECH AND PRAYER.

We heard Rev. Asa Bronson advise Christians not to care so much as it is natural to do, whether they have great personal enjoyment in their service of the Lord, but to do what duty seems to require, and leave all to him who alone can give effectual blessings. "When I was converted," said he, "my minister, Elder Wildman, suggested that I should, as soon as I had a good opportunity, make a public relation of my religious experience, in hope that my young acquaintances would be moved thereby. The next Sunday evening many were present, and I felt glad to tell them what the Lord had done for my soul. I had much freedom and flow of thought and utterance. I could see that they were quite interested, and when I had concluded, I said to myself, 'The Lord helped me; blessed be his name; I will be glad again to tell of his love and my joy in him.' I was very happy. When the meeting was about to close, Elder Wildman said in a low tone, 'You have told your young friends how you feel about the Lord. Hadn't you better tell the Lord how you feel about them? Do you feel free to pray?' I fell on my knees and tried to pray, but had no power of utterance. Thoughts came, but feeling came too, in such a way that I could hardly articulate. I tried to ask the Lord to convince the young that they needed salvation, needed it then, and could be saved then through my dear Redeemer, but sobs and broken words were all that could have reached their ears. Somehow the meeting closed with a benediction, but I lay flat and confused, and went home feeling much mortified. 'Why,' said I, 'couldn't I pray as well as speak! They'll think I have no real religion, else I could have done one as well as the other. How they'll laugh at my failure, and so I have done more harm than good.' The result of this first testimony and prayer in public was different from what the young Christian supposed it would be. His young friends said, 'His talk was well enough. But then we had heard him talk before. We had heard him declaim and speak in dialogues, and we knew he could get off anything he had in his head; but when he undertook to pray for us and with us, and had more feeling than he could hold, it had to run over in tears—that was what made us feel that he had got something he never had before, and something we needed too.'"

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

Toddle, toddle, waddle, waddle, On her little pinky toes: Stumble, stumple, trip and tumble— That's the way the baby goes.

POOR TRADE FOR JOE.

Joe and Johnny were always trading with each other. Their father was a horse dealer; and perhaps the boys got their trading ways from him. At last when they had often swapped everything else they owned, they one day traded names. As John had Wesley to his name, Joe gave a mink skin to boot. It was a fair, square bargain; Joe agreed to be Johnny and Johnny agreed to be Joe. Just after this they were taken ill; Joe quite ill; Johnny not much. Their mother saw Dr. Barnes riding by, and called him in. As he lived miles away, she thought this was good luck truly. The doctor examined his small patients, and while their mother was down stairs, mixed some medicine. "What's your name?" he asked the older boy. "Johnny," says Joe, for he wasn't going back on the trade on account of being sick. "And my name's Joe," says the other.

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