

FAMILY CIRCLE.

A DEATH-BED is a detector of the heart.

FROM your children's infancy inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.

UNITE firmness with gentleness. Let your children always understand that you mean what you say.

THE world is a sea of glass; affliction scatters our path with sand and ashes, in order to keep our feet from slipping.

BE good, be virtuous for your own sake, without expecting any temporal recompense. A just recompense according to your deserts, belongs to another state, and is only to be found beyond the grave.

AIM at, and strive for perfection yourself; but remember that none strive to acquire that which they already possess, therefore do not expect to find perfection in others; and let no slight defects or casual misunderstandings estrange you from your friends or neighbors.

WHOE'ER thou art, when evil stings

Thy inmost thought to darksome deed,
Raise up thine eyes—the King of Kings

Will help thee in thy hour of need!

Beneath that awful Eye, the power

Of hell and death shall quickly flee —

The clouds shall pass away that lower,

And victory shall make thee free.

NEXT to moral goodness, study the happy art of making yourself agreeable to others by affability and pleasing manners. They who neglect paying that complaisance which they owe to others will be sure to be neglected in their turn. Civility, in the first instance, is like putting out so much principal which will be duly paid with interest.

THE highest purpose of intellectual cultivation is to give a man a perfect knowledge and mastery of his own inner self; to render our consciousness its own light and its own mirror. Hence there is the less reason to be surprised at our inability to enter fully into the feelings and characters of others. No one who has not a true and complete knowledge of himself will ever have a true understanding of another.

SORROW's best antidote is employment.

"I LIKE society, but I detest company," said a certain person to me one day, and his taste was good.

MANY a man owes his success in life to the hisses of his enemies, instead of the plaudits of his friends.

ALWAYS punish your child for willfully disobeying you, but never punish him in anger; nor whip him when a milder punishment will do to correct him.

TO husband a small income is the best proof of good sense, good morals, and attention to duty. A man who has but little, and yet makes that little do, can be neither a drunkard nor a gambler, nor fond of indulging in vicious, expensive pleasures.

A KING of Persia sent to a tribe of Bedouins the caliph Mustapha, a very celebrated physician, who inquired on his arrival how they lived. "We never eat till we are hungry, and then not to repletion," was the answer. "I may retire then," said the doctor; "I have no *business* here."

TWO WAYS OF LOOKING AT THINGS.—

Two boys went to hunt grapes. One was happy because they found grapes. The other was unhappy because the grapes had seeds in them. Two men being convalescent were asked how they were. One said: "I am better to-day." The other said: "I was worse yesterday." When it rains one man says: "This will make mud." Another: "This will lay the dust."

TEMPERANCE preserves the soul unclouded, and the body in health. It is one of the chief auxiliaries to independence and fortune, and the true guide to old age. Some are continually squandering away their money for what they do not want. Dress, frippery, pleasure without taste, and society without friendship absorb more than would be sufficient to purchase every rational delight and at the same time allow generosity to the poor.