### Our Home Circle.

" THE BRIGHT SIDE." "There is many a rest on the road of life If we only could stop to take it, And many a tone from the b-tter land If the querulous heart would wake it ! To the manly soul that is full of hope, And whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth, The grass is green, and the flowers are bright Though the wintry storm prevaileth.

Better to hope, though the clouds hang low And to keep the eyes still lifted; For the sweet blue sky will soon peep through When the ominous clouds are lifted. There was never a night without a day, Nor an evening without a morning, And the darkest hour, the proverb goes, Is the hour before the dawning.

There is many a gem in the path of life, Which we pass in our idle pleasure, That is richer far than the jewelled crown Or the miser's hoarded treasure; It may be the love of a little child, Or a mother's prayer to heaven. Or only a beggar's grateful thanks For a cup of water given.

Better to weave in the web of life A bright and golden filling. And to do God's will with a ready heart And hands that are swift and willing Than to anap the delicate, tender threads Of our curious lives assunder, And then blame h e sve for the tangled ends, And sit, to grieve, and wonder.

#### A LIVING CHARACTER OF "UN CLE TOM'S CABIN."

Comparatively few people are aware that we have living in quiet retirement cottage on East College st., about half safety. - Cleveland Herald. a mile from the public square. He is in needy circumstances, and it was the THE EVENING SEED THAT purpose of the lecture which he delivered in the college chapel this evening to assist him in the support of his numerous family. In answer to my knock Mr. Clark came to the door himself. I a nuisance.

wide open the door of his little sitting the stand. As she read she would someroom and motioning me to a chair; times weep; but usually the expression "never have I'refused any one such an of her face was one of "unspeakable accommodation as I could furnish them. The agent of a New York company has seemed the "perfection of beauty." not been gone five minutes; he was trying to engage me to act the part of Book, and now some simple plaything, George Harris in his troupe But you and now some "goody" (so she called are perfectly welcome. They call me it) from the sideboard, won me to her. 'Old Accommodation,' and I always I loved the grandmother. want to deserve the name."

height. He is a man with tender sym- tears. pathies, and generous almost to a fault. Many a fellow-slave in bondage has blessed him for his timely assistance. He came to Oberlin about six years ago, with the purpose of educating his children in the Union schools, none of them having ever been inside a school-house prior to that time. His eldest daughter, a young lady of twenty years, is second best in the cadet examination at his mother's son." Elyria, and has since received from Annapolis several offers of sub-positions : these he has declined, since five years of schooling does not satisfy him. "What is your occupation, Mr. Clark?" I inquired.

other work to support my family, and even then I can't pay the rent on my house."

"And yet you're happy?" "Yes, sir! I'm happy as the day is long: there isn't a happier man in Oberlin. I'm full of gladness all the time." "Ah, here they come," he added

fondly, as five or six boys came trooping into the room. A handsomer, more intelligent group of boys few white fathers possess. He has nine children in all.

The facts elicited in the interview embraced the essential points of the lecture to-night, and considerable be sides.

Ms. Clark was born in Ma lison Co.. lege, in the month of March, 1814 or as she "fell asleep." 1815. He was then the slave of his The son has but recently died, lack- Time was when the publican would have not at all understand. grandfather, Samuel Campbell. His ing only a few days of ninety years. been startled if a troop of boys had "To the mother that was an illustrafather was Daniel Clark, a Scotch weav- One day I ventured to ask him if he walked up to his counter and ordered tion of the folly of expecting children er and a soldier in the Revolution. His remembered what occured when his drink; is he startled now? Time was to comprehend what they were doing in mother was a mulatto slave, Letitia mother was dying. He said in a sub- when parents belonging to the working joining the church. Was it not rather, Campbell, the daughter of her own mas- dued and tender tone, as if speaking of class would have shuddlered at the an illustration of how little professed ter. He was himself sold at the death some Divine incident, "Oh, yes, I re- thought of their children entering suc Christians bear in mind the Master's of Legree (Tom Kennedy,) to Legree's member it all, and the words she spoke dens of deviry, such schools of corruptomerium. Take head that we despise son, also bearing the name of Tom to me, "Ye must be born again." Durition, as open their doors to thousands not one of these little ones?"—Christota. Kennedy for \$1,250. The latter was a ling many years of carcless living there in our large towns every night from kind master, like St. Clair, though ad. was no day when I did not seem to hear eight to ten o'clock; do frey shu der dicted occasionally to drink. Mr. Clark her words, "Ye must;" and often in how? We are afraid not .- London saw Uncle Tom whipped near to death the night I would wake up, and that Methodist. by the elder Kennedy. The original voice would come back with the words, Uncle Tom was a colored man by the "Ye must." I now, after so many years, name of Sam Pete. His present ad. hope that her message has been heeddress is Dawn Township, Canada, (Dres- ed." den P. O.); he is very aged. The char. tist Weekly. acter of Eva was drawn from two or three little Southern girls; one of these is now dead, and with another Mr.

He further showed me a sleeve, of which the material was corded by his sister, spun by his mother, and woven by his sister on the auction block. Afterward letter. This incident and several others related to me (such as Eliza's throwpursuers to believe she had perished,)

do not appear in Uncle Tom's Cabin. When Mrs. Stowe got her informaward told him that she had no purpose each other? at the time. Mr. Clark started for the North in his twenty-sixth year, taking with him a body slave, Isaac. The timto return, and Clark two weeks later. consummated his escape alone, premishe afterward did, but Isaac was dead. across a big river from Cleaveland, and here in Oberlin, the original of a char- it must be a mistake, as he couldn't see | truth, and yet perish! acter in fiction that is known even the Port anywhere. Only drift wood

# PROSPERED.

Half a hundred years ago, writes stated my errand, and inquired if I was aged woman, whose benignant face was spiritual things. very familiar to me. I had often stood "Oh, no," he said cordially, throwing at her side, and seen the old Bible on peace." In my childish esteem she Now a sweet anecdete from the Great

And she was dying. I can go to the Mr. Clark is an unselfish, kindly, very spot where stood the bed, and dejovial man of some sixty-six years of scribe just how everything was arrangage. In personal appearance he is a ed. On one side stood one daughter, and light octoroon, with gray hair and beard, on the other side another. Other relaand a little below the medium in tives were about the bed. All were in

There were in the large family several striking persons, who in ordinary cases would have all commanded attention. But two in that group constituted its central figures—the dying woman, and the son with whom she lived. He was then in the prime of manhood, -in spite of his plain attire a very handsome man; erect, square-built, and in full now teaching with marked success in health; a manly man; and when you Washington, Ind. His eldest son, a looked at his fine face, and then at hers, youth of seventeen, recently came out you saw at once that "he was indeed

The mother was dving. Her breathing was difficult. With no little effort she had said a farewell word to each one of her children present except this. one. He stood there with bowed head. Not accustomed to weep, he now wept. "Pruning, sir, chiefly; but I do any He held his mother's hand in his with such gentleness that we knew how he loved her; and as the breathing became son's face and trying to speak. First one daughter, and then another, tried and he repeatedly bowed his head to are concerned, the Fifth Commandment you will hold out.' her lips to catch the message, but for might be abrogated and Panl's words, "In the course of the day the boy what seemed a long time in vain. At "Children obey your parents," might flew into a violent passion, as had last one of the daughters, listening in be cortured and twisted into "Parents often done before under a slight provothe painful stillness, heard the words obey your children in all things, for this cation. Did the mother tell him with spoken to him: "Ye must be born is right." In our streets we have avi- all tenderness that his fiery temper was again."

In a little while the weary wrestler ceased to struggle, having won the victory through Christ. Death is sometimes "the angel of beauty," making "public sentiment." Time was when be a Christian, is it? That is about that which was beautiful more beautiful. the lad in his "teens" would have been what I supposed it would amount to. Ky., about nine miles from Berea Col. It was so that day with the aged mother ashamed to walk the street with a pipe For my part I don't believe in getting

" "Ye must be born again."—Bap-

## GLUTTONY.

Clark direct four years ago at her home Is use, and he was much hardier than I; to find out how it was prepared. in Stanford, Ky. Colwell Campbell, yet be is now the other, by far. He | One cold winter night, while the snow | These are the heads of my sermon: - | and wering. Who most largely furnished the charac. uses tobacco profusery, and this, I think, was falling in heavy flalles, and Hunts- "First.\ Be kind to papa, and don't All boys and read the above carrative is one thing that has nastened age, man's manufactory threw its red glare make a noise when he has a heafache, can take all sond from it, by taking pains son County, Ky. Mr. Clark showed me How much better it is to hve after God's or night over the neight brhood, a per- I dod's believe you know what a head with every hig they do. As matter ben wheel at which he worked ten laws. God's laws caviron the body as son of the most abject appearance pre- ache is, but I do. I had one once, and whether the dring that you in is of much cars, acquiring the reputation of being | well as the soul. Indeed, they are in- sented himself at the entrance, praying I did not want to hear any one speak a importance or not do it as well as pos-

him, as described in Mrs. Stowe's work. unto God." It is God's order that we workmen found the appeal irresistible. should be healthy. We do not enough and the apparent beggar was permitted make this a matter of conscience. Our to take up his quarters in a warm corbodies and souls are intimately re- ner of the building. lated to each other, so that what injures she sent this to him to tell him where one injures the other. As with an over- covered little real sleep in the drowsishe was, as it was impossible to send a gorged mosquito, a heavy meal brings ness that seemed to overtake the stranus prostrate on the earth, and noble ger; for he eagerly watched every movethoughts and feelings smoulder in the ment of the workmen while they went ing her scarf in the river to lead her dust. Improper eating withers the en- through the operations of the newly ergies. We cannot think well after discovered process. eating injudiciously, any more than we can sleep well; and if we have not the of blistered steel were broken into small tion from Mr. Clark, she did not tell use of our minds, where is culture? pieces, two or three inches in length, don't scream and kick when she washes him her purpose, and, indeed, after- where is com:nunion with God and with and placed in crueibles of fire clay. and dresses you."

the progress of gospel truth, and of any over the top, and the whole covered the comb." other truth. Sunday is the great feast | with a closely fitting cover. The cruciidity of the latter, however, caused both day with many, even Christians. They bles were then placed in a furnace, and use their rest from other labor to devise after a lapse of from three to four hours, ty. Do what will make her purr, and extra dishes, and to gorge. This is during which the crucibles were exam- (don't do what will make her cry.' ing to return for Isaac in a year. This doubly wrong. Preachers must preach ined from time to time, to see that the to a dead weight of rich cakes, pies, bis- metal was thoroughly melted, the work- ed Eddie; "I want to sing." And The meeting at the tavern is fairly por- cuit, pork, preserves, etc. One minister men lifted the crucible from its place without waiting for Harry to finish his trayed by Mrs. Stowe. At Cincinnati used to say that he had to preach Sun- on the furnace by means of tongs, and he disposed of his horse, and went to day afternoon to about two bushels and its molten contents, blazing, sparkling, Portsmouth via the steamer Sylph. a half of baked beans. Many congrega- and spurting, were poured into a mould Here he took a canal boat for Cleve- tions carry a heavier load, and a worse of cast iron. When cool, the mould land, arriving at the latter place in 1841. one. Is it any wonder that the truth was unscrewed, and a bar of cast steel He had been told that Port Stanley was is not heard, or, if heard is understood was presented. by so few? As long as people live to wandering up and down the beach of eat they can not well listen to live; and the lake for several miles, he thought what a solemn thing to sit under the tection, and before many months had

where the name Ohio is rever heard. then lay where now the Union Depot stupefy, but leave all the faculties clear produced. This is Mr. Lewis Clark, "the George and Lake View Park extend. He and energetic, to be exercised in the Harris" of Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's finally secured passage in a sail vessel nobler fields. Give me clear minds to Cabin." Ar. Clark lives in a pleasant and rrived at the Canadian port in preach to, and half the work is done; but give me minds clouded by stomach improprieties, and I will ever have much to do, and but little done. I wish that Christians were more generally convinced of the wrong of defiling the temple of God; then a better example would President Tuttle, for the first time I be set, at least on the Sabbath, Heresaw a human being die. It was an after I shall preach temporal as well as Often have we been pained at the stern

### DECAY OF REVERENCE.

Any philosophical view of the condition of a nation will take into account both its excellencies and its defects, both its hopeful signs and menacing dangers, these being the lights and the shadows which constitute the complete picture. In any moral photography of ourselves as a people which we may attempt by the help of the Highest Sun, the Light from heaven, we cannot fail glory and gloom. One of the sombre days. shades of the moral picture, as it now presents itself to us, is what we may in the attitude of children towards their parents. Percaps in the revolt from devil for years before they will be old the strict and needlessly severe discipline of the Puritanic times, we have gone to the opposite extreme of over- selves to his service. "Of such is the Certain we are that the veneration of despise and grieve them were more like young men and women for their parents, "little children," they would be more such as ought to be exhibited in all eta- like the children's Lord. tions of life, is becoming a virtue so rare, that we are afraid it will appear used by young men about their fathers to serve Jesus to come forward, and l suggest the possibility that that vain, or make you any more trouble?" dence of the same spirit in the flippant one of the foes that he must fight, and blaspheming lips, and in the unblush- it? Not at all; she said: ing disregard of what is vaguely called "That is the way you are going to

## THE STOLEN SECRET.

Benjamin Huntsman, a native of Lincolnshire, was the inventor of cast peoples.' steel. The discovery was kept a great

the best laborer in the country. He terwoven and one, "Present your for permission to share the warmth and word.

also operated the machine invented by bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable shelter which it afforded. The humane

A careful scrutiny would have dis-

He observed, first of all, that bars When nearly full, a little green grass The stomach is a great hindrance to broken into small fragments, was spread

The uninvited spectator of these operations effected his escape without depassed the Huntsman manufactory was Just enough of proper food will not not the only one where cast steel was

### THE LITTLE ONES.

We have heard of Indians who took their new-born babes and plunged them into the cold water. Those that endured the ordeal lived; those who died were not thought worth raising. We have seen Christian parents and Church members who seemed to have acquired similar notions of Christian nurture. and critical attitude of parents, whose chilling words would repel the loving confidence of a child as a June frost would blight an opening bud. Often persons profess an utter lack of confidence in the genuineness of the conversion of children; forgetting that older converts backslide and go astray; that they themselves are "prone to wander;" that the lack of Christian nurture and Christian example on their part, is a fruitful cause of children becoming cold; and that after all a large proportion of the most faithful and eminent to notice the inevitable combination of Christians were converted in their early

Surely there can be no good reason why little children; such as Jesus took name "the decay of reverence." We in his arms, should now be driven think that we can see signs of that decay away from his presence, and taught that they must live in sin and serve the enough to understand the way of salvation, seek the Lord, and devote themindulgence in the training of our young. kingdom of heaven; and if some who-

Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller, in the S. S. Teacher writes: "A little boy to the next generation as an exquisite- came home from Sunday school and ly beautiful flower, admired not only said to his mother: 'Mother, I've befor its intrinsic beauty but also for its gun to be a Christian.' The superinscarceness. Is not the language now tendent asked all of us who would try and mothers more in the tone of a care- went forward with another boy, and less savage than of the cultured Chris- we kneeled down, and asked God totian? Does it not reflect a state of take us and help us to be Christian heart from which manly reverence has boys. Aren't you glad, mother, bealmost departed? And does it not cause I'm never going to disobey you

more difficult, she was looking into this proud, unreverential spirit may so "Did the mother put her arms about penetrate and permeate the character him and thank God, and ask him to nelp as to make that character incapable of and keep and teach the child? She to catch the almost inaudible words; religion? As far as many young people only said, 'Well, we shall see how long

way in which the holiest Name falls from that Jesus would help him to conquer

in his mouth; is he ashamed now? children to make pledges that they do

### Our Young Folks.

A LITTLE BOY'S SERMON.

"Eldie," said Harry, "I'll be a minister, and preach you a sermon.

secret, and as the success it obtained easy one." - "Be kind." "There are said a coordisalary by his will agrees to

"Second. Be kind to mamma, and do not make her tell you to do a thing more than once. It is very tire some to say, 'It is time for you to go to bed' half a dozen times over.

"Third. Be kind to baby." "You have left out, be kind to Harry," interrupted Eddie.

"Yes," said Harry, "I didn't mean to mention my own name in the sermon. I was saying, Be kind to little Minnie, and let her have your 'red soldier' to play with when she wants it." "Fourth. Be kind to Jane, and

Here Eddie looked a little ashamed. and said, " But she pulled my hair with

"People mustn't talk in meeting," said Harry. "Fifth. Be kind to Kit-

"Isn't the sermon most done?" ask. discourse or give out a hymn be began to sing, and so Harry had to stop,"-Children's Record.

### TRIFLES.

Straws show which way the wind blows, and trifles indicate the bent of character. I saw Hettie reading the other day in a borrowed book, and when her mother called her she laid it care. lessly open, face downward, on a chair. It happened that Hettie did not return immediately, and before she had done so the baby had pulled the book by one corner to the floor, and Hettie running hastily in, had trampled upon it. Its condition would certainly be unpresentable when it should be sent back to its owner. My own impression of Hettie. who had seemed to be a very amiable young lady, was that she was unfaithful in small things. Had she closed her book and placed it on the table before leaving the room, it would not have been injured. When I see a young girlwith a torn dress, slippers down at heel, and a general lack of neatness in her home toilet. I am doubtful of her genuine love and respect for dear home friends. When I know that Lucia is always late at church, I begin to wonder if she is not tardy everywhere else. When I hear Sarah scolding Mattie for some small fault, I consider her on the road to become a termagant. Don't neglect trifles, girls.—Christian at Work.

#### WILLINGNESS AND GOOD FIGURES.

"Can you give me any work, please, sir?" said a neat but poorly clad boy of twelve years of age to a New York mer-

"Got all the help I need," was the short and sharp reply of the busy city

"It's hard," replied the disappointed lad. " that a boy that is willing to work can't get a job in this large city." "Why did you come to this city, my

boy ?" asked the merchant, glancing at the despondent lad. "Because I want to earn enough to

help support my mother and sister. This reply, with the peculiar manner of the boy, somewhat moved the harsh merchant, and he asked:

"What are you willing to do?" "Anything, sir. Anything ic , the world, that I can do well.' "Well, go and take hold, and pile up

the empty boxes and pick up the loose papers, etc., down in the cellar." In less time than it takes me to tell it the boy was hard at work picking up

the loose papers, and piling up the empty boxes, and cleaning up in general. During the day the merchant asked the foreman : " How is that strange lad working?"

"Like a beaver, sir. He is killing himself with work." When night came the work worn lad

was offered one whole dollar for that dav's wages. "No. sir!" said the boy: "give me

one half a dolar. It's all I think I've carned, and will buy me a supper and a lodging."

This the merchant thought was uncommon honesty, and pleased him so much that he told the lad to come the next morning He was there long betore any one else was, and in that way showed his promptness. During the day, when the foreman was out, he marked the weight on some bundles he had been weighing. The nead of thefirm happen d to notice the figures and they were so well mate, and mastrin enand, that he inquired as to who made them. When he learned that the new boy had made them, he sent for him to come down to the office. When he came into the office he was askel to show.a specimen of his writing by conving an article. His writing was so cautiful "Well," sarl Eddie, " and I'll be the that he decided to here him for an office clerk. So this boy, that was one very Harry began: "My text is a short and poor, obtained a permanent situation I was born two years before my friend, was very great, many efforts were made some listle texts in the Bible on purpose do any work that was given han to do; for chastren, and this is one of them, talso by taking plans with his biggres

sible .- Methodist Protestant.

Sunday

LESSON VIII

JOSEPH AND H

JUDAH'S AI

(The charge ag expressed deter to keep him a p himself surety 9); therefore on his behalf. scene which is The teacher she to the scholarssternation and bling with terr unbending-Jr utterance, etc. path s, and it produced the eph's heart. I Judah. He when they laid but it was at hi into slavery. years he had father, and no part that he t And now he ap tage. He is father, and Benjamin's rel bondsman in this appealall the circu father's grief a his anxiety : the consequer they returned word of it wen It is no wonde refrain himsel Joseph's heart he had in view to these sever The effect was ed to produce. when it would himself to ther II. THE RE make it unti

Though his be lose his presen ful self-contro true greatness is not always may be acquire trouble to acqu sess it are fit f sible positions. there should be to the scene; claim to the cruel conduct t vent this and their feelings u sent every one vent to his fee tears and sobs startling dee astonished the their astonish terror (v. 3). ernor of Egy was worse t They might hope for cons from a strang none if the deeply-wronge What a comm text which wa ter (Numb. 32 their hearts young brother 42: 21), and i governor of E mercy as muc former occasion they were tro him. Let will rise up pect it. We mercy in tha III. THE of ordering t confinement, death, as the

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Few people in fruit stores a tropical lux ple article of world; and, acre of banan for a man as It is the ear grown that is tion in some easy to get a effort will eve come lazy and that is needed