

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

"DOE THE NEXTE THYNGE."
From an old English parsonage down by the sea
There came in the twilight a message to me...

THE LITTLE STRANGER.

As Dr. Byron was one day passing into the house he was accosted by a very little boy, who asked him if he wanted any sauce, meaning vegetables...

ened to see the fearless, the undaunting trust with which that poor couple had bestowed their child upon him, and such a child!

A PRACTICAL HELP.

About five years ago one cold Sunday morning, a young man crept out of a market-place in Philadelphia, into the nipping air...

A NOBLE ANIMAL.

The large Newfoundland dog "Heck," belonging to the St. Elmo Hotel in the neighboring town of Eldred, Penn., was known throughout the Northern oil field...

clear, and his step steady, as he came up to his new friend and said: "I thank you. You have helped me."

Somebody touched a few plaintive notes on an old organ, and a hymn was sung, one of the old simple strains which their mothers sing to children and bring them nearer to God.

Every Sunday morning the breakfast is set, and wretched men and women whom the world rejects are gathered in to it.

NOT YET.

"Not yet," she cried, "not yet! It is the dawning, and life looks so fair, Give me my little hour of sun and dew, It is as if I should crave my share, The common sunshine and the common air."

"Not yet," she cried, "not yet! Nightfall is near and I am tired and frail, Day was too full, now resting time has come; Let me sit still and hear the nightingale, And see the sunset colors shift and pale."

And to all these in turn, Comes Death, the unbidden, universal guest, With deep and urgent meanings in his eyes, And puffed flowers upon his brow, his breast, Whispering, "Life is good, but I am best; And never parted soul looks back and cries, Not yet!"

THE CHRISTIAN IN BUSINESS.

Can a man be a Christian in business? The question is often asked in the study, variously answered on the street, warmly debated in the prayer-meeting.

It was the quaint saying of a dying man, who exclaimed, "I have no fear of going home. God's finger is on the latch, and I am ready for Him to open the door."

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

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the house seemed to have lost their heads in the excitement, and it is said that the hotel dog alone preserved complete control of himself, and alone took active measures to save the inmates of the house.

Notwithstanding this rescue the mishap that made it necessary led to the death of the noble animal. The mother of the child on being restored by the fresh air first became aware that the child was not with her, and crying out wildly that "Anna was burning up in the house!"

Over and over again the fact is revealed to us that large wealth proves to be a burden quite as often as a source of joy. Baron Rothschild in England and John Jacob Astor in New York, are said to have made some quite striking confessions on this point which took the world by surprise.

THE NAME IN THE BOOK.

Arthur Wills had received a new book as a gift from his mother. There it lay, when its wrappers were removed, in its pretty binding of gray and gold, with beautiful colored pictures.

"There is no name in it," he said. "But it is yours," returned his mother. "Why do you want your name in it?"

AUSTRIAN GIRLS.

The education of girls in Vienna is somewhat peculiar, and perhaps worthy of note. Up to fifteen years of age they are kept at their studies, but are not deprived of society.

the theory of the commercial pessimists, it ought to be difficult for an honest man to borrow a dollar, or purchase a bill of goods without cash; because an honest man cannot succeed in business, and cannot, therefore pay his debts.

GIVE DURING LIFE.

"This is almost more happiness than I can bear," said the late Mr. Vassar, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on one occasion at a festival of the college he had himself founded, and to whose endowment he had devoted the whole of his princely fortune.

FAILED AND SUCCEEDED.

Men admit that no man is equally great in all things. Yet they often do not see that a man's failure in one line of work is no reason why he may not succeed in a different calling.

"I don't know, sir; I don't know." "Nor do I," said the principal, laughing at the boy's eagerness and ignorance.

AFRICAN CHILDREN.

The girls in Africa, as elsewhere are fond of dolls; but they like them best alive, so they take puppies for the purpose, and carry them about tied to their backs, as their mothers carry babies.

"Then you may know it, dear, if you will but obey our blessed Saviour's call. The Apostle Paul speaks of some whose names are in the Book of Life. They knew it, and he knew it and told it to others. God offers us salvation as a free gift. It we take it he will inscribe our names in His great record of the saved.

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