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OUR HOME CIRCLE.

EVENING PRAYER. I come to Thee to-night, In my lone closet, where no eyes can see, And date to crave an interview with thee,

Father of love and light. Softly the moonbeams shine On the still branches of the shadowy trees While all sweet sounds of evening on the breeze Steal through the slumbering vine.

Thou gavest the calm repose That rests on all: the air, the birds, the flower, The human spirit in its weary hour, Now at the bright day's close.

'T is Nature's time for prayer ; The silent praises of the glorious sky, And the earth's orisons profound and high To heaven their breathing bear.

With them my soul would bend In humble reverence to thy holy throne. Trusting the merits of thy Son alone Thy scepter to extend.

If I this day have striven With thy blest Spirit, or have bowed the knee, To aught of earth in weak idolatry, I pray to be forgiven.

If in my heart has been An unforgiven thought, or word, or look, Though deep the malice which I scarce could

Wash me from the dark sin

Father ! My soul would be Pure as the drops of eve's unsullied dew ; And as the stars whose nightly course is true, So would I be to thee.

Not for myself alone Would I these blessings of thy love implore, But for each penitent the wide world o'er, Whom thou hast called thine own.

THE "WILLIES."

At the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, last month in Liverpool, G. B., the Rev. Charles Garrett produced an impression not soon to be forgotten by the relation of this sad incident in the history of an English Methodist home:

I was the other day in a beauti- high-born women in that land of ful residence where I have often roses, whose condition is worse than been entortained before. There was | that of convicts in our state prisons. Many and many a time has she ena large gathering of friends, for this deavoured to do something for them' family 1 knew had been prominent but as often has she been repulsed. for their hospitality. I knew that She had hoped that when the young total abstinence had not been smilmen who had been educated in the ed upon there, but I was astonmission schools grew up, she might ished when I sat down at the table have influence with them, and to notice that there were no winethrough them gain her end. The glasses. I almost took it as a comforce of what she urged upon them pliment to myself in my foolishness; but whispering to the lady, I they acknowledged. They felt that is to confirm him in a habit of loose, said, "I see no wine-glasses here it was desirable for their wives to distorted, and exaggerated state--are you teetotallers for the day be educated, but they were powerbecause I am here?" And I saw less to help them. The iron chains in a moment the change in her face. of ancient custom, the grinding thing causes so many long standing She said, "I have something to tell tyranny of religious superstition, friendships to be broken, so many you about that," and in a conversation after dinner she said: "You ed their efforts and destroyed their bitterness in communities, and so remember my Willie ?" "O yes, hopes, and now, almost despairing much evil everywhere. It is an I remember Willie well." "Was of ever accomplishing her noble abuse that calls for the rebuke of he not a bonny boy?" she asked, desire, she had committed her in- every honorable man-a rebuke with tears in her eyes. "Yes," I terests to the God she loved and that shall be given not only in said, "one of the finest lads 1 ever served, praying to Him to open a words whenever occasion deknew." "Yes," she said, " and he door for the relief of these domestic mands, but by example. The Percaptives. was my pride. You know we have And so she sits busily working, used wine freely. You know that fast completing the gift she designs the leading ministers in the Connexion have always made this house their home, and that they have always been welcome. I used to so blessed, that she is enabled to vanced civilzation."-Examiner and allow the children to stay up she is permitted to stand fast in the when the ministers were here, to liberty wherewith Christ makes have the benefit of their conversa-His people free, untrammeled by tion. The children had a half-glass false religion and social propriety. of wine, the ministers a full glass. The last stitch is taken, and she and so had their father. By-andis resting with a quiet contentment by I noticed what aroused my suspicions. Willie used to come in regard to her own condition, and home smelling of wine, and I didn't in fancy dwelling upon the comfort public improvement. Set a sublike it, I spoke to him, and he said her little gift will afford her husthere was no danger. He had only band, when the door opens, and in been meeting a few friends. By walks a babu, or native gentleman, and by I noticed he was husky, and one of her former pupils. He picks at last he came home in a state that up the slippers and is lost in admade my heart ache. One night miration. He had never seen the he came home quite drunk. I like before. A woman made them, could not conceal it from his fath. worked them out stitch by stitch, er. His father is a hot tempered and did it all with that marvelous. man, and met him in the lobby, and | magical instrument, the needle! "Babu, would you like your wife bitter words passed. His father ordered him out of the house, and to learn how to make you a pair of rectly to their personal comfort or he went, and for months we never slippers?" The thought flashes gratification. A church is wanted knew what had become of him. through her mind like an inspira- or a public library, or a park, or some-Wather would not let us mention his tion from on high. "It you will name, and I and his sisters could let me, I will come and teach her." do nothing but pray. We did not know whether he was dead or alive, him the slippers, and he hurries acter of those appealed to. We have and one night when the servants away home. They are shown from rich men in every community, so notohad gone to bed, and we were sit. one to another. The story is told ting together, I suddenly heard a of their being made by a woman, noise and I thought it was Willie's | and by means of a little instrument voice. I dared not speak. My they had never seen, and of whose for acontribution. On the other hand, husband looked round and said, virtues they were utterly ignorant. we have men in every community • Did you hear anything ?' I Curiosity gets the better of supersti-thought I heard a voice. • I be- tion, ambition of custom. • Could spirit." Nothing that can minister lieve, he said,' it is Willic. Just they learn? Was it possible for go to the door and see.' I went to them to make anything so beautithe door, and there he stood, more ful? Why not let the despised gardly response to its appeal. like a ghost than a young man, He | Christian woman come to them ? looked at me, and I said 'Willie!' The pollution they could efface by fish that they cannot see that mem-'Mother,' he said, 'will you let me the appropriate ceremonies, and bership in a family involves certain in?' 'Aye, my lad; thou ought nev. Low pleasant it would be for them er to have gone away; come in, come | to have something to occupy their | pretection, mutual assistance. The iu,' and I had to lend him my arm. time,-something beautiful in itself." head of a family-no matter how "Don't take me into the drawingroom-take me into the kitchen. I feel, mother, as if I were dying.' mother-in-law, and so on until the that family shelter, sustenance, cloth- be done according to these two rules 'No, my lad, you shall not die.' consent of all has been gained, even ing, education, etc. Very few, too, men and women would cease to be Will you make me a basin of bar. the wife of the old patriarch of the fail to see that, as citizens, they ley broth like you used to make family, whose will is the ultimate owe certain duties to the town they me?' I will make you anything law respecting everything that tran- live in, to the State, to the nation. you like, my boy, but you must spires in the zenana, or woman's They pay their taxes and expect to come up stairs and lie down. 'Oh, apartment. The missionary lady is pay them. It cannot be said mother, I can't take it, I feel as if 1 invited to come and teach the ladies that they always do this willingly

needle. Quick to learn, they soon that give them passage across the when he saw the state he was in. We carried him up stairs and laid credit to their teaching and skill. him down upon the bed, and after a moment's pause he said, ' Father, the drink has killed me. 'No, my slippers his wife has embroidered, and shows them with justifiable pride to Babu Thus-and-So. He in boy,' said his father,' we shall bring you round yet.' ' Never, turn shows them to the ladies in father-God be merciful to me a sinner;' and his head fell back and there was an end of our boy in this life. His father stood and looked at Willie as he lay there, and said not let the missionary lady come man can belong to a social commuto me, 'Mother, the drink has killed and teach them? She is invited: our Willie, and there shall never be she comes: they learn quickly; and another drop of drink in this house so the work spreads. A pair of upon him a great many duties. He while I am alive." Sir and gen- slippers opened the doors upon the lowes it to that community to tlemen (continued Mr. Garrett), most heart-grinding captivity prac- make it, so far as he can, intelthere are many Willies. I am at ticed in the world. A pair of slip- ligent, comfortable, respectable. the head of a mission in Liverpool, pers has been the instrument of let- There is no wise scheme of imand I can truly say there is not a ting in a ray of light upon thouweek in which I do not have a Wil- sands, who for ages had been sitting his support and encouragement; lie or a letter about a Willie from in the darkness of the shadow of some respectable Methodist home death.-Gospel in all Lands. blighted and withered by this ter-

rible curse. Is this a mere idle THE HABIT OF UNTRUTH. whim that we are speaking about ?

Ought we not to battle with it now Some men seem to have a constiand ever, and exert all the power tutional inability to tell the simple we possess in order to rescue the truth. They may not mean to lie, young people of our land and make or to tell an untruth; but they are England what it ought to be? May careless-careless in hearing, careless in understanding, careless in

God help us ! (Cheers.) repeating what is said to them. These well-meaning but reckless WHAT A PAIR OF SLIP people do more mischief than those PERS DID FOR INDIA. who intentionally foment strife by deliberate falsehood. There is no A TRUE STORY.

firebrand like your well-meaning busy-body, who is continually in It was a sultry afternoon in India. search of scandal, and by sheer The wife of a missionary sits quickly plying her needle with busy habit misquotes everybody's statefingers, quietly bringing to complements. tion a pair of slippers she is work-This carelessness is a sin of no ing for her husband. Although the small magnitude. A man's duty to

pattern is so intricate and the ex-God and to his fellows requires him ecution so skilful that they would to be careful; for what else were seem to demand all her attention. brains and common sense given her mind is rather occupied with him? Of course that other class, thoughts about the multitude of the malignant scandal-mongers who take a fiendish pleasure in promoting strife, who deliberately garble men's words and twist their sentiments, is in the minority, and people have a very decided opinion regarding them. Most men misrepresent because they don't seem to think that care in speaking the truth is a pre-eminent duty.

The effects of this careless misrepresenting of others are seen everywhere. Its effect on the individual ment, until telling the truth becomes a moral impossibility. No other the machinery of red tapeism, thwart- dissensions in Churches, so much

have achieved results which do country, and for the support of the Government. As heads of families Babu So-and-So takes the pair of and citizens of the State, they apprehend the fact that they owe daties whose fulfilment costs money. What is necessary beyond this is that they should see that memberhis house, and they know that they | ship in a social community involves can learn just as well as the ladies in duties just as really and distinctly the Babu So-and-So's zenana, so why as family ties or citizenship. No nity-as all men do who are not hermits-without having imposed provement to which he does not owe and he cannot turn his back upon any such scheme without a failure in the offices of good neighborhood,

or without convicting himself of a mean selfishness that is disgraceful to him, and to the family and town his half-hour argument he stood here is hard on them. The summer

A MOTIVE.

Some trifling act of small self-sacrifice -Large to her littleness-the child had done, Then sought reward in smile of mother's eye's These eyes grew dim, and this the praise she won :

" You have pleased God, my child !"

A shadow falls across the eager brow; White lips down-drop o'er eyes of angel blue; Trembles the mouth, the glad voice ialters now-"I did not do it to please God, but you! I cannot see his face !

Ah ! lives there one who, with cold chiding, could Rebuke such weakness of the tender heart ? Whence comes a knowledge of God's Fatherhood Which does not first in mother's loving start? Through earth's pure loves to God's !

Susan M. Day, in the Christian Union

I SHUT MY EYES.

A young man, a member of a Christian church, with a good salary, said to me one day, "I shut my ears to these appeals for money there are many who do so, but it may cost them more in the end to shut their eyes and ears to the cry of the destitute than it would if they gave to every needy case. There is an eye which is never shut, and the ear that heareth the cry of the needy may be closed to the crv of him who hardens his heart to the cry of the poor. By the way." I said, "do you smoke?" 'Yes," he said, "a little, I like it." "How much may you spend on this pet pleasure of yours?" I asked. Well, I am very moderate. I only have one cigar a day, except Saturdays, when I often have two; and sometimes I give away as many as I use for myself." "And what is the

WEBSTER, CHOATE AND SUMNER.

Thirty years ago, when a student of Amherst College, I remember going over with several of my class mates to Northampton, where Danthe opposing lawyers in the great by the great contrast between the cation, and the immense interest in- places. volved, together with the high reputation of the opposing counsel, com and smaller than they are in Amehind his back.

Choate spoke for nearly two hours on one until he fairly reels under it, in a manner the very counterpart The houses are generally very

was for Webster and the will.

ticulation of Charles Sumner. cost of each cigar?" I asked. with a look of exultant triumph. It was magnificent. It fitted the subject and the man.-San Francisco Bulletin.

not visit them, and they were not allowed to go to other countries. After they had become willing that foreigners should visit their country, it was only to a few places that they would permit strangers to come, and for several years they iel Webster and Rufus Choate were would not consent that the Gospel should be preached anywhere in Oliver Smith will case. I shall Japan. Now it is preached in many places, and the Bible in their own language is scattered all over the manner and gesticulation of these country. Many day-schools are two distinguished pleaders in their taught by Christian teachers, and closing arguments. The court- Sunday-schools are found in all the room was crowded almost to suffo- larger cities and in many other The children in Japan are darker

bined to excite the attention and in- rica, In color they are a chestnutterest of all to a remarkable degree. brown, or more nearly, perhaps, a Webster's gestures, as well as his chocolate color. When little babies words were comparatively few, but they are not so dark. I have seen weighty, massive, the very embodi- them often nearly as white as babnient of dignity and conscious ies at home. But as they get old. strength. Most of the time during er they grow darker. The climate to him, and to the family and to the family and to the summer to which he belongs.—Dr. Holland. perfectly motionless, his body slight-to which he belongs.—Dr. Holland. Derfectly motionless, his body slight-is very warm and moist. It seems ly bent forward and his hands be- like living in pretty warm steam, The sun is very hot. It pours down

of Webster's, and yet equally ap- small, so that the children spead propriate to the speaker's individu- most of their time out-doors. They ality. He was all alert, every vein have no chimneys. When cooking, swelled to fullness, every muscle at or in the winter, when trying to its utmost tension. He advanced keep warm, the people are nearly toward the jury and retreated. He all the time in a thick smoke, rose on tiptoe, and several times in Because of the dampness of the air his excitement seemed to spring up the winters are quite severe. Hence entirely off his feet. He ran his the children must either suffer outlong, nervous fingers through side or bear the smoke in the house, his dark curls, and anon shook Besides all this, nearly everybody, them in the air above his head men and women, smokes tobacco a with so swift a motion that they great deal. The children soon get seemed to run into each other into this bad habit, and that, I like the spokes of a spinning wheel. think, helps to make them dark. His plea lasted two hours. The day There is a great deal of malaria or was hot, and when he had conclud- poison in the air in this country, as ed he sank into the arms of his at- there is in low swampy places in tendants in a state of perfect ex- the United States. This brings haustion and was borne out into the fever and ague and other bilious lobby like a corpse. The excite- diseases which tend to make people ment in the court-room was intense, sallow and dark. The food they eat which are constantly coming before but Webster's calm, stern logic car- and the quantity of oil they use in one." "Yes," I replied, "I know ried the day over Choate's brilliant preparing their food help to make and fiery rhetoric. The verdict them dark. Whatever the cause may be, the children get darker as One word concerning the ges- they grow older.

In their dress, too, they are un-He was always dignified and like our children. Many of them self-possessed, and in his move- run around without any clothing. ments as well as his words, always On special occasions, as when they conveyed the idea of deliberation go to visit, or want to show off a and scholarly culture rather than little, they put on their gowns. of that spontaneous warmth and When they get to be seven or eight impulsive feeling which is most apt years old they generally appear to stir emotion in a hearer. But dressed according to the style of he had one gesture which he used their country. The only article of not often, but always once or twice clothing is the gown fastened with in his great speeches, one which a belt. The gown is open in front, never failed to send the blood thril- and extends to the ankles. It is ling to my temples; and I noticed usually made of very gay materials, that it had a similar effect on many When it is quite warm they cool others. He raised his hand higher themselves by throwing open the and higher, with appropriate ges- gown or gathering up the skirts About threepence, as I don't use ticulation, while building a climax, over the shoulders. They never and when he came to cap it he rose seem to have any concern about eson tip toe and thrust his hand up posing their persons any more than into the air with great force and the cats and dogs on the streets. The dress of the little boys and girls is very much alike until they get to be eight or ten years of age. Then the little girls begin to take great pride in their "obi." This is a large bow on the back, made by There is in Roumelia a valley tying up the broad girdle which known as the Kezanlik, entirely they wear. The "obi" is made larger and larger as the girl grows ing the flowering season it is from older, until at last it is half as large as a great pillow. The "obis" are made of the best material they can is the air with the perfume that it afford. Often they have costly clings to the hair and the clothes, needle work on them, and one is and the scent remains for days on frequently worth from fifty to one hundred dollars. This is the article above all others with the ladies, francs the kilo, and is retailed at young or old, and they like to display it in public. At first I thought they were large pockets, in which they carried their school books or their sewing. But I soon found they were mere ornaments. For several years the heads of the children are closely shaved. Sometimes little tufts of hair, about the size of a quarter or half dollar, are left growing on the top or sides of the head. But generally the head is shaved close. After a few years the hair is allowed to grow, and it would do you good to see what great masses of long black hair they have. The hair, next to the "obi," is the glory of the girls. They comb it, and brush it, and puff it, and oil it, and then fasten it up with great showy pins a- long as an ordinary table fork. Thus fixed up they go bareheaded. I have never seen a girl or even a woman with a bonnet on. Occasionally they will have a handkerchief or cloth over the head. The men also The Pansy. generally go bareheaded. The children in this country never wear shoes and rarely stockings. Instead of shoes they have mere straw or board bottoms, with blocks If you will look at your maps you under them to keep them out of the will see that Japah lies east of Chi- mud, and a small string or strap na, and is composed of four pretty over the front of the foot to keep large islands, with a great many them on. Of course they can not small ones. Hundreds of these are | walk steadily with such slippers, so small that they are not marked and they keep up a fearful clatter-There is no defence against the on the maps. Until about twenty- ing as they run about. The grown

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sians were said to teach their youth three things: to ride, to draw the bow, and to speak the truth. A for him she loves; rejoicing and little more instruction on this latter thanking God that her lot has been head would do no harm to our adaid her husband in his work-that Chronicle.

PUBLIC SPIRIT.

There is no point at which personal meanness betrays itself so strongly and surely as it does when brought into relation to schemes of scription paper going through a community, to raise money for some public object, and it will usually siftout the mean men as certainly as a screen will sift the dust from a bashel of coal. We have a great many men who are not stingy with their families, who are by no means parsimonious, yet who have insuperable objections to giving away anything that does not minister dithing else for the common benefit, and the want and the effort to meet it fur-The idea takes him. She lends nish a very reliable test of the charriously stingy, and so unfriendly to all schemes of public improvement, that they are not even approached to the general good ever receives a cold welcome from them, or a nig-

Very few men are so stolidly selduties toward the family-support, those who seek so to walk before So they talk it over; this one's selfish and stingy he may be-remother-in-law, with that one's cognizes the fact that he owes to

Work.' were fainting.' I called his father, in that home, and soon they have or honestly, but they know that they and he came, but did not say an an- become familiar with the powers must pay something for the laws gry word to him. He could not and mysteries of the wonderful that protect them, for the roads zation like a truly Christian home. of the Japanese. Strangers could als.

the common sort." "Well," I said, 'that is at least two shillings per week for yourself. And you say you give away as many as you use for yourself; that makes four shillings a week. And how much does your drink cost you?" "Well, I never kept an account," he said, "but I have a bottle of stout for dinner, and often one for supper, or

a glass of spirits and water; but I am very moderate." "So then, at the lowest calculation, your ale and spirits cost you nearly five shillings a week, besides what you have with company?" "Yes," he said, "and I think that is very low." "How much do you give to the gospel?" "Well, I have a seat in the church, which costs me three shillings a quarter, and I give a trifle to the sale in Paris at 1,500 and 2,000 quarterly collections." I said, "In these two items alone you spend

that which is very questionably of any real good to you. But do you ever think of the reckoning day, when all that you have spent upon your self and self-gratification will be arrayed before you, and before God ?" " But can't a fellow do what he likes with his own?" he said in a tone of half-anger. "Yes," I said, "if he has anything of his It is written of true Christians: 'Ye are not your own, ye

over twenty-two pounds a year on

own.

are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.' And there are two persons for me to please, and only two. First, my life-work is to please God; and

edification. And whatever liberty I have must be used in one of these highways of true holiness. And God, and before men, will have a present recompense and a glorious future reward." "But," said my sinners-they would be angels, and

it would be heaven upon earth."--George Brealey, in "Word and

vices and dangers of modern civili- five years ago but little was known people wear the same kind of sand-

given up to the rose culture. Durthe top of the hills on either side one mass of flowers. So saturated the latter. The essence sells whole-5,000 francs and over.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

WATCH YOUR WORDS. Keep a watch on your words, my darlings, For words are wonderful things : They are sweet, like the bees' fresh honey-Like the bees, they have terrible stings ; They can bless, like the warm, glad sunshine, And brighten a lonely life : They can cut, in the strife of anger, Like an open two edged knife.

Let them pass through your lips unchallenged If their errand is true and kind-It they come to support the weary, To comfort and help the blind If a bitter, revengeful spirit Prompt the words, let them be unsaid ; They may flash through a brain like lightning, Or fall on a heart like lead.

next, my neighbor for his good to Keep them back, if they're co'd and cruel, Under bar and lock and seal ; The wounds they make, my darlings, Are always slow to heal. May peace guard your lives, and ever, From the time of your early youth, May the words that you daily utter Be the words of beautiful truth.

BISHOP BOWMAN SLETTER.