

Family Prayer.

I have always regarded the household of Joshua as a pattern for Christian families. Joshua was faithful and whole-hearted in the service of God.

So in every family there ought to be the same recognition of God. Those that honor Him he will honor, and those that despise Him shall be lightly esteemed.

And what can strengthen this bond more than the constant meeting together in the presence of a common Father, in the name of our great Advocate, to hear His Word speaking to us, and fervently to seek His help and grace?

Everything also in home life seems to set before us the advantage and comfort of a season of united prayer.

There are family wants which concern all alike. Perhaps means of subsistence are small, and there is danger of health failing to the one whose earnings support the rest.

There are family sorrows, which all alike feel. Perhaps one in the circle is taken away, and each heart in the home is burdened and oppressed with the blank that is made.

There are family sins, which are disturbing the happiness that might exist. Perhaps a spirit of envy, or discontent, or irritability has crept in, and spreads from one to another, and all real kindness and love is fast disappearing.

There are family mercies, day by day received—protection in danger, deliverance from some threatening ill, an increase of home comforts, or the like.

Family worship is a very choice means of securing an unbroken home circle in a better world.

Our daily life by our own firesides should be fitting us for the higher and nobler life of the Father's house. Some may be called early and unexpectedly away. Little did I think, a few months before writing this paper, that two of my own dear ones would now be lying in one grave, having followed each other after an interval of only some twenty-four hours, and followed a fortnight afterward by the faithful and godly nurse who had so carefully watched over them.

But when deep, heavy sorrows like these come to our homes, it is a comfort to look back and think of day after day having knelt together in a Father's presence, and of having read together the Word that tells of a land where partings are unknown. But, whether called sooner or later, if I have been our home, all is well, and we shall meet again, and we shall know, as we cannot now, the way by which our Father led us. That meeting will indeed be a joyful one if all in the family, without a single exception, are found safe in Christ.—Home Words.

Official Announcements.

BRUCE.—At Kincardine, on 29th December, at 2 o'clock.
MONTREAL.—In Presbyterian College, Montreal, on the fourth Wednesday of January next.
HAMILTON.—In the McNab Street Presbyterian Church, on the second Tuesday of January next.

ADDRESSES OF TREASURERS OF CHURCH FUNDS.

Temporalties Board and Sustentation Fund—James Croll, Montreal.
Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund—Archibald Ferguson, Montreal.
French Mission—James Croll, Montreal.

Miscellaneous.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.
Canada, in the County Court of the Province of Ontario, County of York.

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