

portunities for usefulness which he saw and improved, without impairing a particle the value of his sojourn in the country.

Almost as soon as he arrived he expressed his desire to attend church on Sunday, and it being understood that a conveyance was to be provided, so many others decided to go also, that a regular arrangement was made for the season.

Then he stayed after service to the poor little Sunday school, astonishing the half-grown lads hanging round under the trees, who hadn't seen a young man in the place since they grew too big to go themselves. And how delighted were the faithful but discouraged few who were struggling to sustain their feeble little school, to hear a fresh voice among them and learn that at least somebody had come to the big farmhouse who cared enough about their corner of the Lord's great harvest field to come over and bear a hand. After school how they welcomed him, while some of the scholars waited to see a real city Christian, and others gazed admiringly at the first half-dollar ever discovered in the Sunday school collection.

That same afternoon a mountain waggon stopped at the gate and the driver came in to arrange for a trip during the week to Huckleberry Falls. Our friend had been anxious to take the ride, but stood firm; he didn't do business on Sunday, even if it was quite inconvenient not to, and so the whole plan fell through. Teams were scarce, and, as it turned out, he lost his only chance to go; but if he had heard some remarks about "consistent professors" made in a certain stable that night, he would have felt well repaid for his disappointment.

Then it was he who started the singing of Gospel hymns on Sunday evenings. Having induced the young lady who used to warble "In the Glaring" and similar selections to agree beforehand to play, and secured one or two others to lead off, the rest joined in readily, and before he left the fashion was set for all summer.

But, best of all, there was Tom, who did the chores; no body else was ever able to influence the boy, but our friend quite won him over, and will be the making of him yet. I know he has written to him or sent him books several times since he was there. He must have made friends with him by "talking horse" industriously at every opportunity from the day he came. On his last evening at the farm I stumbled across them out in the barn, and a kindly hand was on the boy's shoulder, and an earnest voice that went straight to his heart was telling him, what he had already learned to see, how noble and manly and blessed a thing it is to lead the life of a consistent Christian, in hot

weather or cold, in wet or in dry, labouring, "whether at home or absent, to be accepted of Him."—*N. Y. Observer.*

THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE.

The perpetuity of our present civilization depends upon the separate and distinct maintenance of two relations in life, viz: the commercial and the domestic, the public and the private, the world and the home—the strife and rivalry of life on one side, and the sweet peace of domestic concord on the other. Man never approached civilization until he began to recognize the necessity, the value, the glory of a home life. The most progressive nations to-day are those which are founded upon, and lend the force of the Government to preserve inviolate the homes of their people. The greatness of America is due more to this source than to wise statesmanship or great military achievement.

Admitting that woman is the equal of man in mental qualities, what could be more proper than that she should have the sphere of home for her especial care and responsibility? How could greater honor be conferred upon her than to make her presiding genius of one of the two foundation stones of our civilization? It is a recognition of her superior virtues, her innate refinement and gentleness, that to her care is committed the shaping of the domestic life of both sexes, and the unfolding of character at its tenderest period.

Which stands in the more honorable—ray, the more glorious—attitude towards the community, the man who has had a successful business career and has gained a fortune, whose check is always honored, and whose name is a synonym for integrity and uprightness, or the woman who has trained up a family of children in the way of honor and virtue? Which of them has conferred the greater and more lasting benefit upon the community? The man simply reached out and drew to himself of that which other men had possessed. The woman created something in that she implanted in the breasts of the little ones given her the seeds of truth and righteousness, and she nurtured them until they had blossomed into splendid manhood and womanhood. The man acquires cash, the woman builds character. While the man engages in the struggle with his fellows, the woman is laboring in the service of heaven itself when she is bringing up a generation of men and women who will be better than their predecessors. The noblest ambition of any generation is to bring up their children to a higher conception of life and its purposes than they themselves possessed.