

THE HOME.

One less at home!
The charmed circle broken; a dear face
Missing day by day from its accustomed
place;
But, cleansed and saved and perfected by
grace.

One more in heaven!
One voice of welcome, hushed, and ever-
more,
One farewell word unspoken on the shore
Where parting comes not, one soul landed
more.

One more in heaven!
One less at home!
A sense of loss that meets us at the gate;
Within, a place unfiled and desolate;
And far away, our coming to await.

One more in heaven!
One less at home!
Chill as the earthborn mist the thought
would rise,
And wrap our footsteps round and dim our
eyes.

One more in heaven!
One less at home!
This is not home, where, cramped in
earthly mould,
Our sight of Christ is dim, our love is cold;
But there, where face to face we shall
behold.

One more in heaven!
One less on earth!
Its pain, its sorrow, and its toil to share,
One less the pilgrim's daily cross to bear;
One more the crown of ransomed souls to
wear.

One more in heaven!
One less at home!
Another thought to brighten cloudy days,
Another theme for thankfulness and praise;
Another link on high our souls to raise
To home and heaven!

One more at home!
That home where separation cannot be,
That home where none are missed eternally,
Lord Jesus, grant us all a place with thee
At home in heaven!

—S. G. Brock, in *Primitive Methodist*.

Early Service.
BY MRS. M. E. FARRIS.

"Her mother's mantle has fallen upon
her; she has taken up the work her mother
has laid down."

Thus spoke a friend of a young girl,
whose mother, full of good works and
charitable deeds, had been suddenly called
to her reward.

The daughter, out of school but a year,
with a home of the most attractive environ-
ments, had many temptations to a frivolous
life, but cultivated parties and progressive
endeavors had proved powerless to sway her
from her chosen course. Her mother's
varied walks of benevolence seemed to so
fill her life that little other outward diver-
sion was required. Thrice blessed the
mother of such a daughter, and happy the
daughter who desires to walk in ways that
are so lovely and of such good report.

But, it may be said, that the example
given is exceptional, and we grant that it is.
But why should it be so? and with
whom largely rests the responsibility?

When our daughters return home, with
their school days ended, to what do they
look forward? A few hundreds to a
broader life of useful activity in the home
and outside, as the providence of God may
call; but thousands to an endless round of
pleasures, some of which might be innocent
enough were they not the consumers of
golden hours for which we must give
account.

We should be most unwilling to be
thought cynical in our views. Nothing is
more desirable for young girls than social
enjoyments within proper limits. But what
shall we say when we find our hearts so
engaged with these that no time or
thought remains for anything else?

If Madam de Suse, in her day, could
write, "There are now so many grand
possibilities for women," what could she
not say of the present? Never were there
so many means of culture, never so many
avenues for useful and beneficent labors,
and no young girl who has enjoyed to any
degree such privileges should be content to
drift aimlessly through life.

Young people's associations of all kinds
have been multiplied, and they are blessed
means to stimulate and strengthen, but let
not mothers forget that the home life is
the most potent influence for the best
development of character.

Mary Lyon constantly held up before
her pupils the ignominy of a useless life,
emphasizing the importance of early con-
secration to some definite service for the
Master.

Many plead want of ability, and are thus
always ready to "make excuse." "Unto me
and to mine," says the Lord, "were not
these last things to put their gifts to
use as well as to die?"

Others are looking forward to some
great work which the mystic future is to
unfold, when they expect to become hero-
ines, or, at least, magnanimous workers.
Meanwhile they sit at ease, and, as year
by year rolls by, opportunities are gone
forever.

We have known Christian girls who
thought they could go on a mission to
India or Japan, who did not believe they
could do ought for the poor and neglected
around them.

Francis Horner was no eager for work
that she did not want for some great
achievement, but was always ready for the
most humble service.

When our daughters realize the joy of
giving their best and earliest years to the
Master's cause, then shall they be at
"corior" in our social life, as a polished
after the stilling of a palace."

The daughters of a King should not be
satisfied to live below their high privileges.
—*Presbyterian Observer*.

and studied neglect. They have done years
ago what the old man present desired to do.
"Do you hear that?" said good old Dr. F.
"I advise you as a friend to keep your
property in your own hands while you live."
Children often forget the days and
months and years of patient care and
tenderness they have received at the hands
of father and mother. They have been
borne in the arms, dandled upon the knees,
rocked in the cradle, and hush! upon the
bosom, thus inseparable, when they were
unable to talk or walk, and in a thousand
ways what they could not do for themselves
has been provided for at no small sacrifice
of comfort to their parents.

"Well," says one, "I had a kind and
indulgent father, but an excoiling and
averse mother. Or, says another, "I had
a tyrant for a father, and mother all love
and affection. I cannot love and honor
such a father." Dear child, the command-
ment does not say, Honor thy good father
and loving mother; but, Honor thy father
and thy mother. "Well," say some,
"I cannot honor my father and love my
mother. If you had such a hard master
and tyrant of a father as I have, you could
not do it." Well, then, I would read over
the verse at the head of this article, and let
the words burn into my soul till I could
say, "His father and his mother shall be
put to death."

One of the curses pronounced in Deut.
27 is, "Cursed be he that setteth light by
his father or his mother; and all the people
shall say, Amen." Verse 16. "Whoso
curseth his father or his mother, his lamp
shall be put out in obscurity." Prov. 20.
And now, at this time, when the
hearts of the fathers should be turned
toward their children, and those of the
children toward their fathers, lest the earth
be smitten with a curse (that is, that parents
and children may alike be saved), why not
try to show love to that good seed can you
do, what love and affection can you show
that will win even the hardest heart?

Many a father's soul is wrong with
anguish to-day, many a mother's heart is
bowed with grief and sadness, hungering
for the child's affection. Withhold it not.
Where is your father's chief? Where is
your mother's? Are they living alone?
Have they the comfort of life that you
might grant? What tender words and kind
offices do you refuse? Can you look even
with complacency on their loneliness? Can
you treat lightly their sorrows, even their
failures? Can you not visit their lonely
and helpful aids for them, sit with and
cheer them in their declining days? You
never can bear as much for them as they
have borne for you in your infancy and
childhood. The boy or girl, man or woman
who will dare to treat such a lonely or
sorrowful, or unloving, or slightly
and neglectful the authors of their existence,
will have to render a strict account to
God. For "he that wasteth his father
(that is, takes away from his comfort that
which can be given) and his mother, his
father shall be cut off, and his mother shall
be brought reproach." Prov. 19:26.

Then show your love by loving.
The duty owed, by doing.
For he that loves and does, is plain.
The promised land will surely gain.
Eph. 6:2.

—D. H. Lamson, in *Review and Herald*.

Hersford's Acid Phosphate
IN NERVOUS EXHAUSTION.

Dr. Geo. McKnight, Hamam, N. Y.,
says, "I have used it in cases of nervous
exhaustion, with quite satisfactory results."

THE FARM.

Uses of Plaster.

There seems to be an opinion prevalent
with many that as plaster or sulphate of
lime does not enter largely into the com-
position of plants, it can be of but little use
as a fertilizer. They do not consider that
there are substances which while they do
not contribute directly to the growth of
plants, have chemical or mechanical prop-
erties that play a very important part in
vegetation. Plaster has both of these
properties. As a disinfectant and deodor-
izer, it is one of the best, as well as the
cheapest, substances at our command.
Anyone who has kept stock of any kind
established during the warm summer months
knows what a hard task it is to keep their
apartments clean and odorless. Now, if
they will keep a barrel of fresh-ground
plaster, it is a convenient corner, and every
day, on sweeping the floor clean, apply it
freely with the plaster, it will absorb all
disagreeable, noxious odors, rendering the
air pure, while the value of the manure
will be greatly enhanced by the retention
of the ammonia. Poultry-houses should
also be swept clean at least twice a week
in summer, and once a week in winter and
the floor sprinkled with plaster; it will
add greatly to the value of the manure,
and the satisfaction of having clean, sweet,
odorless coops and healthy flocks, will
abundantly pay expenses. Try it and be
convinced. —*American Agriculturist*.

The Management of Lamps.

Some one has written some directions for
treating lamps, and it so coincides with the
experience of another that we present them
for review. To insure good light, a burner
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