

BOOK NOTICES.

A CHRISTIAN HOME,—How to make and to maintain it, by Rev. John Hall D. D., New York. Published by the American School Union, 1122 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, 10 Bible House New York. Price \$1.00. or gilt \$1.50. This is one of the best and most useful of the many books that are streaming from the Christian press of the present day. The name of the writer is in itself a guarantee of the excellence of the work. It consists of twelve chapters. I. The family. Its early history. II. The New Testament light in the home. III. The Ethics of the home. IV. Wise Choice. V. Mutual help and care. VI. The lights and shadows of home life. VII. Development of the family life. VIII. Home government and training. IX. The worship of the Home. X. Secondary elements (friends &c.) in the true home life. XI. Enemies of the home. XII. Our Fathers House, the heavenly house. The titles of the chapters, however, give but a poor idea of the book which in its fullness, comprehends all that relates to making and maintaining the Christian home. It speaks the "words of the wise," about marriage and married life, about the duty of children to parents and parents to children, about home life in all its aspects. It treats of things secular, and things Spiritual. There is scarcely a step in life connected in any way with home, but there is here a word in season concerning it. If there were a copy in every family, "the world would be better for it."

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There is an old fable that says an Irish minister was riding along one day, when he met Satan, who wanted to make a bargain with him for his soul, and promised he would do any three things the minister required as his part of the agreement, if the minister would surrender. They came to terms, so the fable goes, and Satan asked, "What is the first thing?"

"I want you to make a road through that bog. I have to travel around it and it is very disagreeable."

At the end of a month Satan reported that the first condition was fulfilled, and a road has been made through the hitherto impassable bog.

"Now," said the minister, "I want you to make a road through that high and steep mountain. I have to drive over it and it is hard travelling."

The fable says that Satan made the road and came and told the minister, and asked him what was now the third to be done.

"I want you," said the minister, "to find me a good Christian man that keeps a liquor saloon."

"You've got me there, old fellow!" said Satan. "That's something I can't do. There never was such a person."

So Satan was defeated. and the minister got the best of the bargain. But Satan told the truth; a man of good Christian character has to be found in business somewhere outside of a liquor saloon. That's so. The two things don't go together.—*Sol.*

Our life must be given to God, as well as our heart; it is not giving too much to give Him both.—*Fenelon.*

Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life the neglected opportunity.—*Hadliett.*

As a needle in a compass trembles till it settles in the north, so the heart of a sinner can have no rest but in Christ.—*Dyer.*