

## ..HOUSEHOLD..

### He Gave Unto Me a Vineyard.

(Margaret Erskine, in the 'Zion's Herald'.)

I worked all morn in my vineyard, sowing  
with skill and care.  
And I said (in my pride), 'No vineyard will  
ever be half as fair,  
For naught will be planted in it, but shall  
please the eye and the heart;  
None but the costliest blossoms shall have in  
my vineyard a part.'

I came, in the noon, to my vineyard, to gather  
my harvest store,  
But the 'Seeds of Pleasure' I planted the  
'Flowers of Trouble' bore.  
I cast my tools far from me; I shrieked aloud  
in my pain;  
'Curse be the hour that bore me?' Nor  
came to my vineyard again.

I came, in the night, to the Master, to re-  
ceive with the rest, my pay,  
For, I thought, 'I have suffered greatly, He  
will not say me nay.'  
But the Master eyed me coldly. 'I asked  
not for words, but deeds.  
You have wasted the years I gave you; your  
vineyard is choked with weeds.'

### The Broken Circle.

I know a kind father who is very clever in  
finding illustrations to impress good thoughts  
on his children. One day he took an India-  
rubber band, laid it on the floor, and showed  
them it was a complete circle—like their own  
family, in which no division had ever been  
made by death, although numbering as many  
as nine.

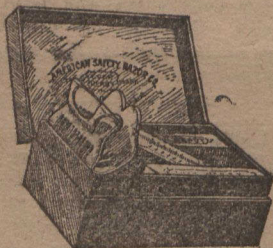
The father cut the band in pieces, still  
keeping it in a circle, and said, 'We cannot  
expect it always to remain complete; death  
would break it up bit by bit. Ah! it is rare  
to see so many in an unbroken family circle.'

He then removed one piece after another,  
and put them together again in another cir-  
cle upon the table. The parable did not re-  
quire much explanation even for the young-  
est, when the father tenderly taught them to  
try to have the circle complete above, and  
charged them each one to see they were not  
a missing piece.

There are some people who object to talk-  
ing about solemn subjects to children. But  
it does not keep death a bit farther off if we  
avoid speaking or thinking of it. At a very  
early age children understand more than they  
often get credit for, and there are countless  
instances of the very young showing true  
faith in Jesus Christ, the 'Resurrection and  
the Life.'

It happened not long after that fever en-  
tered that household, and several of the chil-  
dren suffered. One dear little fellow of eight  
never recovered. He was very patient, and  
in the last night he seemed quite to know he  
was dying. In his intervals of consciousness  
he said several times, 'Good-by to all.' His

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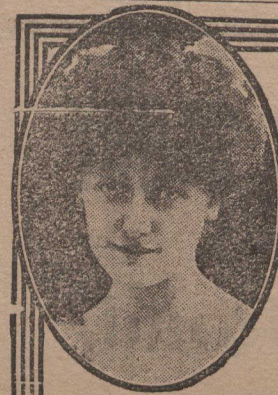


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sad father and mother asked what he meant  
by saying 'good-by,' and where he was go-  
ing; and he replied, 'To heaven.' He also  
said, over and over, 'Lord Jesus, come.'

Not for that mourning household only, but  
for all Christian homes, let this little incident  
be laid to heart, so that many a circle, broken  
on earth, may reappear 'an unbroken family  
in heaven.'—'Friendly Greetings.'

### Religious News.

The Union Medical College for Women,  
plans for which have been under consideration  
for several years, has at last become a reality.  
The American Presbyterian, Congregational  
and Methodist Episcopal Missions comprise  
the united force, each taking its share in the  
instruction and paying for its own students.  
The Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary  
Society furnishes the equipment and the med-  
ical school is housed, for the present, in the  
Elizabeth Sleeper Davis Hospital. The Union  
Medical School for Men keeps a large staff of  
physicians in Peking, and those belonging to  
the missions enumerated above teach in both  
schools. If it were not for this the school  
for women would be impossible, for we should  
never have enough women doctors to do the  
required teaching. Dr. Eliza Leonard, of the  
Presbyterian Mission, is dean of the faculty.  
The entrance requirements and the course of  
study are the same for both schools and  
modelled on the plan of medical schools in  
England and America. There is only one  
other school in China in which girls can ob-  
tain a full medical course, and that is con-  
ducted by the Presbyterian Mission in Canton.  
—'Woman's Missionary Friend.'

In the World's Alliance there are 7,681 asso-  
ciations, representing 45 nationalities, and in-  
cluding 300 well-equipped associations in mis-  
sionary lands. The membership is just under  
900,000, and shows an increase of nearly 55,  
000 in the last eighteen months. To this  
splendid total the United Kingdom contributes  
630 associations and nearly 120,000 members.  
Rapid progress has been made in the work in  
military camps. Forty-one encampments last  
year had specially erected Y. M. C. A. quar-  
ters. These were used by thousands of men  
as reading and writing-rooms; 600,000 letters  
were written and 2,660 pledges were signed  
against drinking and gambling. To prosecute  
this work, nearly 600 volunteers were neces-  
sary, and a majority of them were young uni-  
versity men who had given up part of their  
holidays for the purpose.

Lizzie L. Johnson, an invalid and an intense  
sufferer for the space of twenty-five years, for  
the last seventeen years has never been in a  
sitting position, nor had her head off her pil-  
low. During these years of suffering she has  
raised for missions over \$16,000, and has sup-  
ported in foreign lands native Christian work-  
ers that have given a century and a quarter  
of service. Hers is a most remarkable exam-  
ple of self-sacrificing service. If such devo-

tion were general the world would soon be  
saved.

The \$16,000, by which many native workers  
have been supported, has been raised by the  
making and selling of book-marks. She her-  
self has attended to all the correspondence of  
this large business. In referring to the sale  
of the book-marks, Miss Johnson says: 'I  
have sent book-marks to every State in the  
Union, as well as to Mexico, Canada, England,  
Scotland, Italy, Sweden, Austria, India, Malay-  
sia, Madeira, Turkey, Africa, South America,  
Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, China, and  
Japan.—Bishop Warne.

### Household Hints.

A slate with pencil attached by a string,  
should hang in every kitchen, to aid the  
memory of the housewife.

Care should be taken of children's lunch  
baskets to keep them sweet and clean, dipping  
them in hot salt water, then into cold, at  
least once a month. Dry quickly by the fire  
or in the sunshine.

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