

FAMILY CIRCLE.

TRUST a man to be good, and, even if he is not, your trust may make him such.

PREJUDICE and self-sufficiency naturally proceed from inexperience of the world and ignorance of mankind.

A TRULY good man had rather be deceived than be suspicious, and rather forego his own right than run the venture of doing even a hard thing.

LIFE must be measured by action, not by time; for a man may die old at thirty, and young at eighty; nay, the one lives after death, and the other perished before he died.

It is the temper of a blade that must be the proof of a good sword, and not the gilding of the hilt, or the richness of the scabbard; so it is not his grandeur and possessions that make a man considerable, but intrinsic merit.

A MOTHER was speaking of our Saviour to her little child, who stood before her eagerly listening to what she said. "Oh, mamma?" he exclaimed; "how I should like to have been with Him!"

"And what could you, a little child like you, have done for Him," said his mother. "Why, mother," said he, earnestly, "I would have done his errands."

That is precisely what we should all feel bound to do.

"WHY do larks sing up in the sky?" said a Magpie to a Rook who was busy building his nest.

"Can't say," said the Rook.

"Why do cuckoos lay eggs in other folks' nests?" said the Magpie again.

"Don't know," said the Rook.

"Why have the swallows forked tails?" asked the Magpie.

The Rook couldn't answer without dropping the stick in his back, and, seeing he could never get on while he was so interrupted, turned round and cried, "I'll answer your question when you tell me why magpies chatter."

OPPORTUNITIES are very sensitive things, If you slight them on their first visit, they seldom come again.

A GOOD conscience is a marvellous restorative. One soon learns to look with hope to the future when one can feel justified in turning with pride to the past.

THE most influential man, in a free country at least, is the man who has the ability as well as the courage to speak what he thinks when occasion may require it.

DO YOUR duty, and not be uneasy about the future. When God deprives you of any blessing He can replace it. The very stones can in his hands become the children of Abraham. He who has fed you to-day will take care of you to-morrow.—*Fenelon.*

NOT scholarship alone, but scholarship impregnated with religion, tells on the great mass of society. We have no faith in the efficacy of mechanics' institutes, or even of primary and elementary schools for building up a virtuous and well-conditioned peasantry, so long as they stand dissevered from the lessons of Christian piety.

CAUSES OF CONJUGAL QUARREL.—For Pope's exquisite good sense take the following, which is a masterpiece: "Nothing hinders the constant agreement of people who live together, but mere vanity—a secret insisting upon what they think their dignity or merit, and inward expectation of such an over-measure of deference and regard as answers to their own extravagant false scale, and which nobody can pay, because none but themselves can tell readily to what pitch it amounts to." Thousands of homes would be happy to-morrow if this passage were written in letters of gold over the mantle-piece, and the offenders could have the courage to apply it to themselves.