

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

"FATHER, TAKE MY HAND." "The way is dark, my Father! cloud on cloud Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud The thunders roar above me, and I stand, Like one bewildered! Father, take my hand, And thro' the gloom lead safely home, Safely home, safely home, Lead safely home Thy child!

vidual is in duty bound to believe the offering accepted, and, by virtue of the "altar most holy," sanctified not only in the sense of being set apart, but of purification. The blood cleanseth then and there.

THE RICH AND POOR.

It has been said, "The church that preaches to the most poor of this generation will preach to the most rich of the next." There is much truth in this. The poor of one generation are often the rich of the next.

gravel pit in Russell Square, and blackberries were gathered along the rural lane where the South Kensington Museum now stands. Envelopes were not. Postage cost anywhere from a shilling to half-a-crown, but then every one begged franks or smuggled his letters by carriers and friends.

stretch far away around the capital of Syria. From the height on which we stand we can distinctly see the outline of the city, and some of its most conspicuous buildings. The principal part of the city lies directly before us, while the suburb of the Meedan stretches in a long narrow line towards the south-west.

CONCERNING VIOLINS.

The violin, meaning little viol, is referred to as early as King Saul's time, though that was strictly a lyre, an instrument with ten or twelve strings, played with the fingers only.

THE ELEPHANT.

On Thanksgiving-day the managers of the Fair-ground menagerie transferred an elephant from his old shed to the commodious mansion that was recently built for its accommodation at a cost of \$5000.

FAITH, THEN THE WITNESS.

"I must have the witness before I can believe." So said one in reply to the writer, who was striding home upon the seeker of the duty of believing that the offering she had presented was even then "holy and acceptable to God" by reason of the altar which sanctifieth the gift.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

In the memoirs of the veteran litterateur, S. C. Hall, recently published, the early chapters are devoted to sketches of the "good old times" in England as he knew them in his youth.

OUR SCHOLARS WATCH US. I was early at my post one Sabbath morning, but I found John there before me. His peculiarly happy smile told of great joy and peace within, for he had some months before opened his heart to the Lord Jesus.

WELL DONE!

Not what you say, Or wish, or hope, While through the darkness Here you grope; But what you do And what you are In heart, and thought, And character— This only makes you great; And this, If clothed in Jesus' righteousness, Will open Heaven's gate.

DAMASCUS.

Standing on a projecting spur of Gebal Salahiya, a branch of anti-Lebanon, and looking down on the great plain below, we see spread out before us, encircled by woods and orchards, one of the most ancient cities in the world.

Of the instruments manufactured by these families of Cremona, it would be difficult to decide which is superior. Ole Bull, the Norwegian, had among his instruments a violin made by Guarnerius in 1616, for which he paid four thousand dollars.

Probably the greatest of all violinists, past or present, is Niccolò Paganini, born in 1781, died at Nice in 1840. He became the absolute master of his instrument, and at the same time its slave.

PAPA'S HAND.

The patter of little feet on my office floor and a glad voice exclaiming, "Papa, I've come to me the presence of my little six-year old darling, who often came at that hour 'to take me home," as she said. Soon we were going hand in hand on the homeward way.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE CHILD'S PRAYER. By Alpine lake, 'neath shady rock, The herds-kneel beside his flock, And softly fold, with pious air, His alphabet as evening prayer.

A WISE CHOICE.

A good minister, whom we will not name, while sitting at the dinner table with his family, had these words said to him by his son, a lad of eleven years; "Father, I have been thinking, if I could but have one single wish of mine, what I would choose?"

THE NURSING.

A medical writer in a paper says that most people of our treatment, even of its profound. "I writes," says he, "some have led to an Israelite, and whom I found score of friends, the thing and the man, a cream-teaspoonful mouth. I remember ple sorrowing been—down with ripple cat mouth chop, I of measles and child school in cold and I remember patienting would have saved by nursing—membering these, the host of cases similar those recorded, of

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JULY. JOSHUA'S... JOSHUA'S...

After the death of the history of the could there have as that when they that "Moses thy was dead." He leader, twig, or at the very moment blank Joshua was (in the original) later Jews held to be so sacred that pronounce it. Criticism to this supposition translated the Greek some time Christ, but they most sacred name it from desecration Greek reader they the Greek word is—Nun lived and ed from the thous who passed all Egyptian bond and piety, a servile name from poet Horace, by talized the Roman got him—Moses' final word differed rendered servant, words of Genesis, more honorable d free-attendant."

Moses is dead—intimation of the received? It may one was on Mount died, and no one, sure of his demise it by God. All the ing, according to 730, from twenty ward. See Num tions on so vast a out parallel in the the last century, people—100,000 under cover of a continues of Russian deserts.

From the w should be bound the Arabian desert Mount Lebanon, of Euphrates, and of Mediterranean Sea promised to Abraham—21. Your coats— These included a list the Hebrews ever for a short time du David and Solomon from Lebanon on a desert on the south and forty miles; t Mediterranean sea; about four hundred area of fifty six miles, equal to the and Vermont. B or Palestine, was an fifty miles by area smaller than Jersey.

Not any... there—That is so to his people continue for to all God's pre condition of man's with thee—He nee who is allied with ty. Observe to do—N and praise, but to c pliment the Bible's precepts. The tr perity in any c small lies in obed commands. This learn, not only fr Joshua, but from Moses; of Saul; from that of Hez from it—Perfect of sent by a straight of sin by a crooked terms' righteousness, and, in n ortholog; while t etymologically aki ed.

This book—The was laid up in the the Tabernacle. thy month—The las not only when w preaching it, but w ing it intelligently, conversing about it. The Lord... is soldier's valor is eye of his captain, tion of the named God is the best sat manly terror.

Prayer and praise are like the double motion of the lungs—the air that is drawn in by prayer is breathed forth by thanksgiving.