The Family.

"MANY THINGS ARE GROWING CLEAR."

Come! the summer night is calling,
Through the elm-tree shadows falling,
And the silver moonbeams gleaming
On the snowy window-screen.
These but *hints*, I murmur lowly;
And I raise the curtain slowly,
Till a flood of splendor streaming,
Renders *clear* the enchanted scene.

Soul! all nature calleth to thee,
From the bounds of earth would woo thee;
Morn, with fragrant breezes blowing
Fresh from the celestial hills;
Eve, in purple robes of glory,
Sweetly tells her mystic story,
Such divine state foreshowing,
That the soul with rapture thrills.

Take! O take these sweet suggestions!
Ask no unbelieving questions,
Wafting thee to fields Elysian,
Death shall surely raise the screen
With celestial euphrasy
He shall touch the inner eye,
Till thou chant, with raptured vision,
Many things are clearly seen!

Thus said Schiller in his gladness,
While each bowed the head in sadness
Round his dying couch at even.
Closed his eyes on scenes once dear,—
On the flood of crimson glory,
Bathing rock and castle hoary;
Yet, while earthly ties were riven,
Many things were growing clear.

Sweeter than the carols ringing,
Whilst the lark her flight is winging
Are these words of Schiller, ever
Singing, singing through the soul,
Prelude of diviner pleasures,
Where no more in mournful measures
Sing the souls who sorrow never,
Who have safely reached the goal.

What though chilling mists enshroud us,
When these vapors that beclout us,
Gazed upon from heights celestial
Golden "mirrors" shall appear!
Courage, then, nor wish to alter
One of God's decrees, nor falter
Through the fear of ills terrestrial,
Many things are growing clear.

Schiller.

"GOOD NIGHT, PAPA."

The words of a blue-eyed child as she kissed, her chubby hand and looked down the stairs, "Good night, papa; Jessie see you in the morning."

It came to be a settled thing, and every evening, as the mother slipped the white night-gown over the plump shoulders, the little one stopped on the stairs and sang out, "Good-night, papa," and as the father heard the silvery accents of the child he came, and, taking the cherub in his arms, kissed her tenderly, while the mother's eyes filled, and a swift prayer went up for, strange to say, this man who loved his child with all the warmth of his great noble nature had one fault to mar his manliness. From his youth he loved the wine-cup. Genial in spirit, and with a fascination of manner that won him many friends, he could not resist when surrounded by his boon companions. Thus his home was darkened, the heart of his wife bruised and bleeding, the future of his child shadowed.

Other children had been theirs—a few months, just long enough to leave a perpetual fragrance in their home and in their hearts—and, one by one, God had taken them. Still the father did not turn: he did not see the love that prompted; he did not hear the secret voice of the Great Shepherd as he took the lamb in his arms, saying, "Follow me." The mother looked and halted; she wanted to follow; but her husband lagged behind, and her woman's heart clung to him.

Then came a blue-eyed darling to the nest, folded her wings, and sang a little prattling song so full of love the father listened as one entranced. "A healthy child," he said, as, bending over the crib, he looked on the sweet, upturned face. And when the birdling grew stronger, and he could take her in his arms without fear of hurting the tender limbs with his rough nursing, the father's love strengthened tenfold.

Three years, and the winsome prattle of the babe crept into the avenues of the father's heart, keeping him closer to his home, but still the fatal cup was in his hand. Alas for frail humanity, insensible to the calls of love! With unutterable tenderness God saw there was no other way; this father was dear to him, the purchase of his Son; he could not see him perish, and, calling a swift messenger, he said, "Speed thee to earth and bring the babe."

"Good night, papa," sounded from the stairs. What was there in the voice? was it the echo of the mandate, "Bring me the babe?"—a silvery plaintive sound, a lingering music that touched the father's heart, as when a cloud crosses the sun. "Good-night, my darling;" but his lips quivered and his broad brow grew pale—"Is Jessie sick, mother? Her cheeks are flushed, and her eyes have a strange light." "Not sick," and the mother stooped to kiss the flushed brow; "she may have played too much. Pet is not sick?"

"Jessie tired, mamma; good-night, papa; Jessie see you in the morning."

"That is all, she is only tired," said the mother as she took the small hand. Another kiss and the father turned away; but his heart was not satisfied.

Sweet lullabies were sung; but Jessie was restless and could not sleep. "Tell me a story, mamma;" and the mother told of the blessed baby that Mary cradled, following along the story till the child had grown to walk and play. The blue, wide open eyes filled with a strange light, as though she saw and comprehended more than the mother knew.

That night the father did not visit the saloon; tossing on his bed, starting from a feverish sleep and bending over the crib, the long weary hours passed. Morning revealed the truth, Jessie was smitten with the fever.

"Keep her quiet," the doctor said; "a few days of good nursing and she will be all right."

Words easily said; but the father saw a look on the sweet face such as he had seen before. He knew the messenger was at the door.

Night came. "Jessie is sick; can't say good-night, papa;" and the little clasping fingers clung to the father's hand.

"O God, spare her! I cannot, cannot bear it!" was wrung from his suffering heart.

Days passed; the mother was tireless in her watching. With her babe cradled in her arms, her heart was slow to take in the truth, doing her best to solace the father's heart. "A light case! the doctor says! Pet will soon be well.'"

Calmly, as one who knows his doom, the father laid his hand upon the hot brow, looking into the eyes even then covered with the film of death, and with all the strength of his manhood cried. "Spare her, O God! spare my child, and I will follow thee."

With a last painful effort the parched lips opened: "Jessie's too sick; can't say good-night, papa—in the morning." There was a convulsive shudder, and the clasping fingers relaxed their hold; the messenger had taken the child.

Months have passed. Jessie's crib stands by the side of her father's couch: her blue embroidered dress and white hat hang in his closet; her boots, with the print of the feet just as she last wore them, as sacred in his eyes as they are in the mother's. Not dead, but merely risen to a higher life; while, sounding down from the upper stairs, "Good-night, papa, Jessie see you in the morning," has been the means of winning to a better way one who had shown himself deaf to every former call.—*American Messenger.*

SELF-IMPOSED TAXATION.

[Extracted from Mr. Samuel Smile's invaluable Article on "Self-Imposed Taxation" in the "British Almanac and Companion, 1870" pages 27—40.]

After a long and elaborate argument, supported by Parliamentary Returns, Mr. Sammel Smiles says:—

DRINK.—"Let us now bring together these different items of consumption and expenditure, and see how the total amount stands:—

	Quantities	Expenditures.
Home and for. spirits	29,418,535 gals.	£ 30,568,232
Beer of av'g. strength	746,985,824 ,,	43,749,056
For. and colonial wines	15,151,741 ,,	12,987,927
Cider, perry, home-made wines, &c.		say 1,500 000
Tobacco	54,663,829 lbs	11,438,299
		100,243,514

We have here an expenditure of more than 3*l.* 6*s.* per head of the *entire population—men, women, and children*; or of more than 13*l.* for *every adult male* in the United Kingdom. The gross amount seems perfectly fabulous, but it is competent for any one to test it by the Government Returns, which are indisputable.

A HUNDRED MILLIONS STERLING a year on drink and tobacco! Yet we profess to be an economical and reforming people, canvassing every item of national expenditure, down even to the pen-nibs in the public offices, and the wages of the dock-yard labourers. The whole expense of governing the United Kingdom for the year ending the 30th of June, 1868—excluding the interest of the National Debt—amounted to only $47,196,626; yet nearly double this amount was voluntarily expended, by the people governed, upon drink. Surely, all the Government extravagances that can be conjured up sink into insignificance beside this.

What we spend on ardent spirits and beer alone exceeds the entire national expenditure, including the interest on the National Debt. Our army, which does duty in all parts of the world, costs fourteen and a half millions sterling yearly; while we spend over *thirty millions* upon gin, whisky, and brandy. Our navy costs nearly nine millions; and our beer nearly *fourty-four millions*. The whole expense of managing the postal service costs only one-fourth of what we spend on tobacco. Some three millions a year are devoted by the middle and working classes to life and health assurrance; and *thirty times* the amount to the indulgence of their sensual appetites!

Such facts as these are surely little creditable to us as a people. They show us to be among the most thoughtless, thriftless, and bibulous of nations,—very rich, but very tasteful, self-indulgent, and improvident. All classes seem to be alike in fault; but the penalties of the self-indulgence unquestionably fall the heaviest upon those who, for the most part, have no share in incurring them, and are the least able to bear them—the wives and families of the laboring classes.

It is not known how much of the £330,000-000 supposed to be annually earned by these classes is spent in drink, but it is undoubtedly very large. The whole life of a working man is rounded by drink—drink at 'faotings,' drink at sick-clubs, drink at morning, noon, and night. Many drink one-third of their earnings, some as much as one-half and even more. It has been estimated that two-thirds of the home-made spirits and beer are consumed by the working classes of the United Kingdom. If this be so, it would give a total expenditure of about *forty-eight millions sterling a year!* What a splendid fund for co-operative industry, for social improvement, for education, for independence in old age?"

LICENSES.—"There is, on an average, a public-house license, and beer license, to every forty-five males in the United Kingdom.

SPIRITS.—"29,418,535 gallons of proof-spirits were consumed in the United Kingdom in the year ending March, 1868, or equal to an average consumption of about *four gallons* for every male adult in the United Kingdom."

DR. CHALMERS' DAUGHTER.

In one of the alleys running off from Fountain bridge, Edinburgh, a street crowded with drunkenness and pollution, is the low-roofed building in which this good woman is spending her life, to help men and women out of their miseries. Her chief work is with drunkards, their wives and daughters. Some of the poor women of the neighborhood who have sober husbands complain against her saying:—"Why do you pass us? Because our husbands are good, you do not care for us. If we had married some worthless sot, then you would have taken care of us in our poverty!"

In the winter, when the nights are long and cold, you may see Helen Chalmers, with her lantern, going through the lanes of the city, hunting up the depraved, and bringing them out to her reform metting. Insult her, do they? Never! They would as soon think of pelting an angel of God. Fearless and strong in the righteousness of her work, she goes up to a group of intoxicated men, shakes hands with them, and takes them along to hear the Thursday night speech on temperance.

One night, as she was standing in a low tenement, talking with the intemperate father, and persuading him to a better life, a man kept walking up and down the room, as though uninterested in what was said; but finally, in his intoxication, staggered up to her, and remarked: "I shall get to heaven as easy as you will; do you think so?" Helen answered not a word, but opened her bible, and pointed to the passage, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God." The arrow struck between the joints of the harness, and that little piece of Christian stratagem ended in the man's reformation.—*Rev. T. W. De Witt Talmadge.*

Obituary.

MRS CAROLINE OGDEN.

August 9th 1870.—At Port Elgin, Baie Verte Circuit Mrs. Caroline Ogden, aged twenty seven, youngest daughter of Isaac and Annie Gorden, Tidnish.

"They that seek me early shall find me," was verefied in the experience of the departed, who when but a child made a profession of religion and by the grace of God was enabled to walk worthy of it, during the rest of the journey through life. One great source of strength to her was the consistent conduct and godly conversation of pious Methodist Parents. About four years ago she became united in marriage to Mr. Edward W. Ogden and as they were both members of the same church their union proved to be agreeable and profitable.

Last Fall a new vessel that her husband had just launched got upset off Pugwash, fortunately no lives were lost, but Mr. Ogden who was on board very narrowly escaped drowning. In her anxiety on his account, she started and drove to Pugwash but before arriving there she was thoroughly drenched with rain, the result was a heavy cold which settled on her lungs and gradually but silently undermined her not usually strong constitution. During the winter the cough and hoarseness were troublesome but not considered dangerous. In the class meetings she frequently spoke of her anxious desire to enjoy Christian Perfection, and the last one that we met together in, she made the entire consecration of all she had to the Lord. How little did we then realize that in so short a time and in such a way the faith then exercised would be put to the test. But when the trial came she was ready to meet it. Four weeks prior to the dissolution she was attacked with violent bleeding of the lungs, and she was then convinced that her earthly race was nearly run. Could she cheerfully consent to part with husband, a darling child, not two years of age, an aged mother and much loved brothers and sisters? Yes Lord I am willing, and in a few days more, I am desirous to be with *thee*, was her response. Sceptics may account for this by the plea of *insanity*; but if it be insanity, *to feel* that the sting of death which is sin is removed through the sufficiency of the atonement, and that there is awaiting us a *home far exceeding* in every respect aught that this world can give, and that those we leave behind us will be *especially* under the fostering care of our Heavenly Father, then let us be thankful for such insanity. Her sickness did not cause her to forget those around her. She manifested a deep interest in their welfare, and requested me to visit one of her neighbors, who was likewise nearing the close of her earthly career tell her, that "I am on my dying bed and expect soon to be in eternity, and that I want her to put all her *trust* in *Jesus* for *He is all sufficient*." The message was delivered and we have every reason to believe that it was instrumental in the salvation of that precious soul.

The night of her departure from us came, the night that was to be followed by unending day; her voice, that had so often charmed us by its sweetness in the house of God, was now almost gone but she rallied as we sung

"My latest sun is sinking fast,
My race is nearly run,
My strongest trials now are past,
My triumph is begun."

and when we came to the chorus she sang with us,

"O come angel band, around me stand
I come, behold, I come;
O bear me away on your snowy wings
To my own immortal home."

and at midnight her request was granted whilst bidding farewell to the sorrowing ones around her.

D. B. S.

JOSEPH B. AVARD, ESQ.

Died at Bristol in the Baie Verte Circuit on the 11th of September, 1870, Joseph Benson Avard, Esqr., aged seventy-eight. Born in Bristol, England, his father was for many years a very useful and acceptable Local Preacher in the Island of Guernsey and in these Provinces. His mother was converted to God, through the labors of Rev. Adam Clarke, and for a period of sixty one years enjoyed a clear sense of her acceptance with God and "was not for God took her."

Blest with such a parentage it is not a matter of susprise that the children should very early in life become the subjects of converting grace. One of their family when but three years old gave evidence that the Holy Spirit was operating on his heart.

We do not know the exact period when this happy change took place in connection with the departed, but that it was when quite young, I infer from a remark he made to me, that after his conversion in youth, he felt a call to preach the Gospel and that through life it had been to him a cause of deep regret that he had not yielded to it.

Two years ago he felt that the earthly house of his tabernacle was being dissolved, and he then sought to have his worldly matters so arranged that when *the Master* should call he would be ready. Last spring he was attacked with paralysis of the stomach and never recovered from it.

A few weeks before his death he was one afternoon most powerfully assailed by the adversary of souls. All his sins of omission and commission were in a few moments brought vividly before him, and overwhelmed with the sight he was thrown for a short time into despair of ever being saved. The writer was sent for, and on arriving, found that in answer to the prayers of some members of the class, he was regaining his confidence. He stated to me what had occurred, and I assured him that his was not an unusual case; that the blessed Saviour was most fiercely tempted during the last night of his life on earth. At his request prayer was offered up, and on rising from our knees we were rejoiced to find that faith had completely triumphed, and from that hour he was fully delivered from Satan's power.

Two days before his removal from us, his daughter-in-law said to him, "I trust that our loss will be your gain," yes said he I am sure of that. He would frequently lift up his hands in prayer and say come Lord Jesus, come quickly, while his countenance would be illuminated with the joy he was experiencing. "*Mary, farewell!*" were his last audible words. He then embraced his beloved wife and by signs gave to his children his dying benediction and departed to join the great Family above.

The house of Joseph B. Avard was always a home not only for Wesleyan, but ministers of other denominations. He loved the society of God's ambassadors and did all in his power to promote their happiness. Himself, a most liberal supporter of the cause of God in all its branches, he endeavored to promote the same spirit amongst his neighbors throughout the circuit. To his exertions and munificence Methodism is chiefly indebted for the neatest and best adapted church for Divine Worship on the circuit.

In the notice of the death of his mother, written by his father when in the eighty fifth year of his age, the remark is made "four of our children have already gone to glory and the two remaining, I hope, are in the way thither." In reference to *one* that hope is now realized; and those who know Mrs. Bovyer of Charlottetown, P. E. I, will not entertain a doubt as to its ultimate realization.

"Let me die the death of the righteous."

D. B. S.

Provincial Wesleyan Almanac.

NOVEMBER, 1870.

Full Moon, 5th day, 3h. 17m. morning.
Last Quarter, 16th day, 4h. 44m. morning.
New Moon, 22nd day, 9h. 6m. afternoon.
First Quarter, 29th day, 6h. 19m. afternoon.

Day of Mon.	Day of Wk.	SUN. Rises.	SUN. Sets.	MOON. Rises.	MOON. South.	MOON. Sets.	H. Tide at Halifax
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3	Th.	6 46	4 41	3 24	8 54	1 21	3 20
4	Fr.	6 47	4 40	3 51	9 36	2 24	4 35
5	Sa.	6 48	4 39	4 10	10 18	3 21	5 39
6	SU.	6 50	4 37	4 33	11 0	4 26	6 17
7	M.	6 51	4 36	4 58	11 42	5 27	6 52
8	Tu.	6 53	4 35	5 23	morn.	6 26	7 25
9	W.	6 54	4 33	5 53	0 25	7 26	7 57
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18	Fr.	7 6	4 24	1 17	7 51	2 25	2 40
19	Sa.	7 8	4 23	2 30	8 42	4 53	3 56
20	SU.	7 9	4 22	3 49	9 34	3 22	5 0
21	M.	7 11	4 21	5 4	10 28	3 52	5 50
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25	Fr.	7 16	4 18	10 9	2 30	6 51	8 56
26	Sa.	7 17	4 17	11 7	3 31	7 55	9 43
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