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OUR HOME CIRCLE.

MY PRAYER.

If, when I kneel to pra-With eager lips, i say, "Lord, give me all the things I desire, ablaze with holy zeal. Health, wealth, fone, triends, brave heart religious fire, The power to sway my fellow men at will, And strength for mighty work to banish ill"-

In such a prayer as this The blessing I must miss.

Or if I only dare To raise this fam ing praver: "Thou seest, Lord that I am poor and weak, And cannot tell what things I ought to him preach. The secret of his seek :

I therefore, do not ask at all, but still I trust Thy bounty all my wants to fill ;" My lips shall thus grow dumb, The blessing shall not come.

And if I lowly fall, And thus in faith I call : " Through Christ, O Lord, I pray Thee give to me Not what & would, but what seems best Of life; of health, of service, and of strength ; Until to tuy run joy I came at length;"

My prayer shall then avail ; The biessing shall not fail. -Kichardson.

THOMAS WEBB.

His title is Captain Webb. By The wrestlers only are the conquerors. The preacher must preit he will be known and honored vail with God in the closet before as long as Methodism has a name he will be able to prevail with and a place in the earth. He helped to lay its foundations in men in the pulpit. America in troublous times, and

The divine hand was plainly his name is indelibly engraved on visible in the next important turn the corner-stone of the grand suin his life. In 1776 he was sent perstructure. to Albany, New York, in charge He was of good family, and of the barracks where the British

inherited a considerable estate. soldiers were stationed. He was The first distinct glimpse we get specially needed in America just of him he was a young captain in then, and his coming was one of the British army. He was one of the many coincidences that mark the gallant force that stormed the providential character of the Louisburg, planting the cross of St. events connected with the plant-George upon its ramparts, after a ing of Methodism in America. desperate conflict. It was a glori-Hearing that there was a small ous day for the British troops, but band of Methodists in New York, it cost him dear. A bullet hit he soon paid them a visit. The him in the right eye in the midst little company a-sembled in Philip of the fight and destroyed it. Embury's house were surprised Lying among the wounded and the and somewhat frightened when a dead when the battle was over, he British officer in full uniform heard himself called dead, but was entered the room. But their able to deny it, and in a 'ew weeks astonishment and alarm gave way was again on duty. He fought by to joy when he made himself the side of Washington at " Bradknown to them. His ability as a dock's defeat." Both escaped that preacher, his strong character and terrible day, God having other his money at once put him in the work for them to do. Four years lead among them. The situation later he was among the heroes that suited the zealous, generous solscaled the heights of Abraham dier. He had little to do as with the immortal Wolfe, and was barrack master, and the whole again wounded-this time in the

country was before him as a field arm. When peace was declared he of evangelical labor. He took an returned to England minus an eye active part in obtaining the site and covered with what the world for the John street church, and calls glory. headed the subscrip ion with a Under a sermon preached by liberal sum. While the church Mr. Wesley at Bristol in 1765 he was being built he visited Philawas awakened. He had a long delphia, where he organized a and painful struggle before his Methodist Society, and collected proud and fiery spirit yielded to money for the John street church. be saved by grace. But when he In 1779 he was again in Philadeldid surrender, he did so with solphia, and aided Mr. Pilmoor and dier-like completeness. He kept the Society in the purchase of St. back nothing, and his perfect sur-George's church, to which he was render was followed by perfect a liberal contributor. He extend acceptance. His consciousness of ed his labors to New Jerney, eins forgiven was undoubting and Delaware, and Baltimore, stirring joyful. He enlisted for life as a the people by his powerful apsoldier of Jesus Christ, and hencepeals, inspiriting them by his forth his battles were to be fought unfailing courage, and giving with other than carnal weapons. substantial help to the initial With all the ardor of a generous enterprises of American Methodand enthusiastic nature he threw ism by the free and judicious use himself into the Methodist moveof his money. The work of the ment that was putting a new ele-Lord was a luxury to him, and be ment into the religious life of was willing to pay for its enjoy. England. Without delay he joined ment. He has had some sucthe Methodist Society at Bristol. cessors in this line of things-He found among them the fellowmen and women who have given ship that was congenial to his themselves and their substance nature and the means of grace wholly and gladly to the service that nourished the new life in of Christ, thus exhibiting indiswhich he rejoiced with exceeding putable proof that the splendid joy. His frank, buoyant nature luxuriated in the theology, the social life, and the aggressive energy of Methodism as it then was, in the bloom and freshness of its first days of triumph. It was not long before the re-Church and bless the world until joicing soldier made an important discovery-he found that God had called him to preach the gospel. Jerusalem descending out of Entering a Methodist congregaheaven from God. tion at Bath, and finding that the In 1772 he returned to England expected preacher had failed to appear, he went forward to the altar in his regimentals, and spoke to the people with such power and pathos that there was a great stir among them. His theme, and as it was poured forth At the Conference at Leeds he terior vistas. The old Pompeians ing, a short time ago, a woman was possible. Should you not like to feet, and allow faculties to serve in an impetuous torrent from his made a thrilling appeal for re- lived in a rainbow atmosphere. glowing heart, it swept its hearers cruits. The next year (1773) he giving heart, it swept its hearers is a low inthe gratitude do we lee, on with him in a resistless tide of came back to America, bringing absolute cleanliness. You may drunk on the street the previous elbows? I suppose they had compared with this little one feeling. Wesley was not slow in discerning this new light that had suddenly appeared in an unexpected quarter. The great leader loved to enlist military men in the work of the Church-he knew that the discipline, the obedience, and the courage characteristic of the true soldier, when turned to the nobler service of the Captain of our salvation, made them successful leaders in his army. He soon gave him a preacher's license, and sent him iorth an accredited minister of

Jesus Christ. His labours were the most fluent, eloquent men I off through perfect drains Ail home," replied the man, smiling crowned with success from the

start. The people heard the bluff ever heard." soldier with delight, and caught An event which changed the margie of ended of the trace of the "Don't waste the money on me, to his younger brother. fire from contact with a spirit so They The War of the American Revolu- Hygiciae must have come natural- of shoes for baby with it." ministry in America to a close. trembled under his fiery fulminations, and wept with him as he tion broke out, and America "beportraved the unutterable sorrows came too hot" for the frank, warm-blooded British soldier. typhoidal attack ; the only class silently drew the money from his of the Son of God, who loved the world and gave himself for it. He had done his work. Bidding "The Captain is full of life and a reluctant farewell to America, fire," said Wesley, after hearing he left forever the land which had been the theater of the most thriding incidents of his eventful steadily, and are admirably go to prison; and it was not unpower was the old secret ever new-he was a man of prayer.

"He wrestled," said an intimate After his final return to Engfriend, "day and night with God, land he traveled and preached in for that degree of grace which he his military dress, and scattered stood in need of, that he might his money with a liberal hand. stand firm as the teaten anvil to the stroke, and he was favored vein of eccentricity in his large, with those communications from brave, liberal nature. The red above which made him bold to coat in the pulpit was a novelty fall down as formerly. Over some ance ! declare the whole counsel of God that attracted a class of hearers, of the most richly decorated His evidence of the favor of God who listened, wept, repented, and was so bright that he never lost a believed under his preaching. exactly as they were, with tiles sense of that blessed truth, the blood of Jesus Curist cleanseth ing voice were admired by milius from all sin." It is the old story-he wrestled and prevailed. in the erection of the Portland- find them very spacious. Hou es must feel over a lost soul, and street chapel.

he was taken to his reward on great space was the atrium, often lady came to join the church and high in his seventy-second year. 35 to 40 feet long, having an open brought me a sermon, which she He died suldenly, Ju y 20, 1796. He took his supper and went roof; just under this a marble time, and there was this little bit to bed at ten o'clock, in his usual lined basin, raised above the floor, about the kitten marked. 'Sir,' health. In less than an hour he into which the rain fell and on the she said. 'you introduced that was in the world of spirits. He margin of which were placed story with an apology, but you had expressed a presentiment that bronzes and vases. Out of this his departure would be sudden, opened bedrooms, and at the end and we may be sure the old Cap- a reception room and dining room. tain was realy, and went sweep- Beyond these was a peristyle or ing through the gates, washed in court, surrounded by from eight what a fright she was in when the blood of the Lamb.

form, with just a little of the self-

who first came to America under | Water for cleansing was found in | and said harshly : "You must not General Braddock. He is one of every part of the house, and ran pay it." "But we want you at the tables and beasteads were at her pleasantly. "No, you

flower beds were of hewn stone. Use it at home. Buy a new pair ly to the old Pompeian; he esi- "Piease come home, mamma," dently had no chance to get a said the little girl; and her father of disease he could not provide pocket and handed it to the clerk against was the eruptive, and one of the court. But the woman still of these carriet him off at last. protested, declaring that she The excavations are going on would not go home, and she would managed. It is a delight to see [til the little girl began to cry and to the light of may. The authori- her children that she consented to tics are now beginning to replace return. Her Eusband at length

houses the roofs are being restored

years ago in a sermon one Sun-

day morning," said Mr. Spurgeon,

the awful stir that was in my

house one night, and all because

the kitten had been lost. I added:

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

1 told my congregation about

His noble presence and command- made after the ancient patterns. You would be astonished at the tary men, and many a soldier of size of some of the Pompeian King George was led by him to houses, and of the rooms and become a soldier of Jesus Christ. spaces they inclose. They look His head-quarters were at Bristol, small because they are so empty, 'If we feel happy over a found where he was the chief instrument but when you measure them you kitten, what sadness the Lord

of thirty and forty rooms in the what must be his joy over the Like a shock of corn, fally ripe, first story are not uncommon. The finding of it,' Last month an old ing for light in the centre of the had carried in her pocket for some to twenty columns, thus making

A sturdy, thick-set, full-chested a broad corridor running all man, of creet military carriage, around. Some of the peristyles found. 'And so, sir,' she added, clad in flaming British army uni- were 80 to 100 feet square, with a 'I found peace with God from great variety of rooms opening reading this, for I recollected my asserting manner that indicates into them. Beyond the peristyle own joy as a girl over the finding that he will insist on being heard was the garden sometimes 150 of my kittens; and I thought God when he has something to say; feet square, or more, with all must think more of me; so I his face about equally expressive sorts of arrangements for plants came to him, and here am I.' " of benevolence and determination; and fountains. A good many of his one good eye beaming kindly, the elaborate niche-shaped fountand the other veiled with a green ains are still perfect. The street shade; the bald head, nearly as entrances to some of the houses round as a bullet, swelling a little | are 10 to 15 feet in width and had THE ROYAL CHILDREN. where the organ of veneration is quadruple or four leaved doors. supposed to be located; and with in fact, so spacious are these When Osborn house was ready plenty of pugnacity and driging- dwellings on the ground floor that to go into, the Queen and her famforce behind his ears-this is it is generally believed that the Captain Webb, the bluff, brave, upper story rooms were rented fiery. yet tender soldier-saint who out. The floors of the first and a gay and merry and happy time. will have a place among the noble second story were of cement in There is a beaut Mul hymn of Marhistoric figures that crowd the which patterns of mosaic or tea- tin Luther's which the Germans canvas in the Centenary picture sellated work were laid. Many often sing at house-warming; and In examining Pompeii it is keeping a tender liking for the necessary to remember that it was pleasant home customs, repeated a small provincial city bearing t at his house-warming. Here it the same relation to Rome that is :--Auburn or Utica does to New " God bless our going out, nor less York. This increases our wonder Our coming in, and make them sure: in walking through its well paved God bless our daily bread, and bless Whate'er we do-whate'er eudure; streets, or its richly adorned In death unto his peace awake us. houses, or about its theaters and And heirs of his salvation make us." temples and squares, or in study-Well, the little princes and prining the thousands and thousands cesses had very good times at Osof art objects in terra cotta, borne. On their mother's birthbronze, silver, gold, alabaster, day they had a fine present. You marble, and glass, which have never could guess what it was, so been discovered within its wallseven with less than half the city excavated. - American Architect.

" DIDNE I. DAN!

" Jimmy, have you watered my horse this morning ?"

"Yes, uncle, I watered him ; An event which changed the marble or oronze : even the weil- must not pay it," insisted his wife. didn't 1. Dan ?" he added, turning

"Of course you did," responded Dan.

The gentlemen looked at the boys a moment, wondering a lit. the at Jimmy's words; then he rode away.

This was Mr. Harley's firstvisit with his nephews, and thus far he had been pleased with their bright, intelligent faces and kind behavior. Still there was something in one room after another revealed the judge begged her to think of Jimmy's appeal to his brother that impressed him unfavorably he could hardly tell why; but the the charred timbers of the roofs took her by one hand and the cloud of disfavor had vanished We suspect there was a slight with new ones. In this way some them the was hed slowly from the from his mind when, two hours second story balconies are kept in them she was led slowly from the later, he turned his horse's head place, instead of being allowed to court. O, the curse of intemper- homeward. Just in the bend of the road he met his nephews, Jimmy bearing a gun over his should. er. THE LOST KITTENS. --" Some

" Did your father give you permission to carry that gun?" he inquired.

"Yes, sir," replied Jimmy : didn't he Dan?"

" Of course he did," said Dan. " And of course I believe you Jimmy, without your brother's word for it," said Mr. Harley.

Jimmy's face flushed and his bright eve fell below his uncle's gaze. Mr. Harley noticed his uephew's confusion and rode on without further comment.

"This map of North America is finely executed; did you draw it, Jimmy? asked Mr. Harley that atternoon, while looking over a book of dr wings. need not have apologized.' Then

" Yes, sir," replied Jimmy with she told me a story about two a look of conscious pride; then kittens that were lost when she turning to his brother ne ad ed, was a little girl, and described Didn't L. Dan ?"

Mr. Harley closed the book and they were lost, and what joy she laid it on the table. experienced when they were

"Jimmy," he began, " what does this mean ? To every ques. tion that I have asked you to day you have appealed to Dan to confirm your reply. Cannot your own words be trusted ?"

Jimmy's face turned scarlet. and he looked as if he would like to vanish from his uncle's sight.

"Not always,' he murmured, looking straight down at his boots. "My dear boy, I was afraid of this," said Mr. Harley kindly. The boy who always speaks the truth has no need to seek confirmation from another. Do you ily had a house-warming. It was mean to go through life always

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FOR LIFE TO ME.

For life to me is as a station Whereis spart a traveler stands-One absent long from home and nation In other lands ;

And I, as he who stands and listens A mid the twilight a chill and gloom To hear approaching in the distance, The train for home ! -Longfellow.

POMPEII.

In two recently excavated houses the paintings on the walls are as fresh as if just put on, and the halls are rich with decorations. Some of the marble tables are still standing; the fountains in the atrium and peristyle, with their pretty little statues and ideal of Christian character pre- mosaics, look as if they might besented in the New Testament was gin to play at any moment; the not the dream of enthusiasts in kitchen hearths, built like ranges, a by-gone age, but a picture, seem ready for their pots and painted by the Holy Spirit, whose kettles; a few flower pots are still living reality shall adorn the set in the gardens; in the storerooms are some oil jars and wine My soul would sit and sing, because I know the glory and bonor of the nations jars; it is as if one might begin shall be brought into the New housekeeping to-morrow, and invite one's triends to dinner the day after.

One thing is difficult to confor the purpose of securing men coive without seeing it, and that is and money for the work of Meth- the gorgeousness of the interiors odism in America. He preached of the private houses. The in London, Dublin, and other colors are now faded; vet. even places, eliciting a deep interest in as it is, one is continually amaze i behalf of the work in America. by the brilliant effect of the inwith him two devout and able say that the dirt has all been night. When asked if she had heavy bread and streaky cake and whose cheerful face was quite as men, Rankin and Shadford. He taken away by the Italian Governmade a special effort to bring over ment. That is true, but it is flushed and trembled, but looked at first. But they are very good Does it not call to mind those Joseph Benson, but failed; that quite evident that in the old the judge steadily in the face as housekeepers now, and they learn- beautiful words, which may inwiry and brainy little giant felt times it never was there. Our she replied: "I can say nothing. ed a good deal of their housekeep- deed be said of her, yet which we no call to cross the Atlantic. modern houses are not made to I forgot myself and must bear the ing, no doubt, in the little Swiss too, should strive to have said of The zeal of the soldier-evangelist be clean, as were the Pompeian consequences." She was fined cottage at Osborne. Of course us : "She hath done what she burned as intensely as ever, and residences. The walls, the floors, five dollars, and, as she could not they made collections of things could !"-The Young Churchman. his popularity as a preacher war every corner of their homes, were pay, was about to be conducted to just like all boys and girls. They unabated. Great crowds thronged fiuished with the most admirable prison, when a man, having the had a museum of natural history to hear him. John Adams- workmanship. In their rooms no appearance of a hard-working with stuffed birds and bits of holiday, but is always on the wheel, afterwards President of the United plaster ever fell, for it was of such mechanic and accompanied by a rocks and specimens of flowers. and working its own disquiet. States-heard him at S: George's, excellent material, well put on, pretty little girl, rose in the audi. They had a big telescope, too, for and said : "In the evening I went that it soon became like marble, ence and offered to pay it for her. star-gazing. It was a happy, to the Methodist meeting, and They had no wooden walls, no It was her husband. Hearing his happy time. - Little Men and Wo- the Spirit asks of each man, "How heard Mr. Webb, the old soldier, cracks where dust could penetrate. voice she hid her face in her hands men.

" HE FAILETH NOT." I have tried love, and I have known love

Have trusted friends, and found that friends forgot . Sought help from my own heart without

avail--"He faileth not "

Neither by day or night, in age or youth ; In poverty, and in the fairest lot, In sorrow and in joy, His word is truth-" He faileth not.

If I should let all other comfort go. And every other promise were forgot, " He faileth uot."

I cannot tell what winds of God may blow What safe or perilous ways may be my lot But I have little care, for this I know-" He faileth not."

- Christian at Work. A SAD SCENE.

toria to Beatrice.

having to say : ' Di In't I, Dan ?' " "No, uncle; I'm going to speak the truth so that people will believe me as well as Dan," said Prince Albert being a German, and Jimmy, impulsively.

Mr. Harley spent the season with his nephews, and before he left he had the pleasure of hearing people say, "What's come over Jimmy Page? He never says lately, 'Didn't I, Dan?'"

Mr. Harley thought it was because Jimmy was gaining confidence in himself. Do you, children ?-Little Sower.

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD.

I must tell you. It was a lovely While walking in one of our Swiss cottage, a grown-up cot- large cities not long since, I met tage-not a play cottage-with a little girl whose singular walk grounds all about it. And these and movements attracted at once grounds were given them, too. my attention. Her shoes looked Here each one had a garden, strangely empty, and were much where they raised vegetables and twisted on her ancles, and I now flowers. They had bothouses and | noticed that the sleeves of her forcing-frames, so that they could dress were long, and gathered at have flowers and vegetables as the lower end, entirely concealing early as other gardeners. Each her arms. "Do you see that poor had a set of garden tools, marked child?" said a friend walking with with his or her name, from Vicme, "she has neither hands nor feet: she has never had them, Did they work in these gar- having come into the world withdens? Yes, every day. The two out them. And yet," she contin-

eldest boys built a fort. It was ued, as we both noticed the little small, but it was perfect in every girl's bright countenance. " you part, just like a real fort. They would be surprised to see how even made the bricks! Every much she can do, and how happy Saturday night they carried in she is. She goes to school learns their bills for work, and their fast, and how do you suppose she father paid them. In the pretty writes? Why, she holds her pen-Swiss cottage was a kitchen cil between her two shapeless where the princesses cooked and wrists, and has learned to guide it made pickles and jellies. There quite well!" Ah, little children What pathetic incidents occur was a pantry and dairy and clos- what a lesson is here for us to

in our police courts! One morn- ets and everything as complete as whom God has given hands and arraigned before a justice on the have seen them at work in their him! How little do we do, and Another striking thing is the charge of having been found big aprons, floured up to their how little gratitude do we feel, anything to say for herself she half cooked things, just as we do noticeable as her sad affliction.

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