

The Family.

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boy, and had not the strength. While I was thinking what to do, Jimmie Banks sprang into the water and catching him by the left arm, half swam and half dragged him to the shore—Jimmie had saved his life.

"I cannot finish my story to-day, children, but to-morrow I will come and tell you more about John and Jimmie. See the sun is shining bright again. Good bye.

When Uncle Ben had gone, little three-year-old Lottie climbed up into Frank's lap and putting her arm around his neck said, "I am going to ask ma to let me have the measles, so Dr. Banks will come and see me, for I love him better than ever after Uncle Ben's story."

Some time, a great many years ago, Uncle Ben had several sisters who married and settled in the town where he lived, and in course of time there came to be a score of little folks, who had a genuine claim on Uncle Ben. It was hard to tell where to draw the dividing line, and he was so kind and genial to all, that, by common consent, he was considered uncle to all the juvenies in the neighborhood.

As Uncle Ben was passing by the door of his friend, Mr. Forrest, he looked up and saw a black cloud, that threatened very soon to deluge the earth with its heavy raindrops, then he thought of the glad sunny faces that were waiting to see him and he hurried to get ready.

"Now for a story, a story," they all cried in one breath. "Well," said Uncle Ben, "I will give you a very simple charade to guess, and I will tell a story to please the one who first gives me the answer. If you look out of the window now you will see my first. My second, Harry and Frank take with them when they go in the woods; and if you look up in the sky when the sun breaks through these clouds you may see my whole."

"Oh, I know," said Frank, "a rainbow." "Right, Master Frank, now what shall the story be about?" "Tell us about something that happened when you were a boy, Uncle Ben, and let the story be about boys."

Uncle Ben laughed at his great partiality for boys, but gladly assented, and having seated them all around him with the youngest in his lap, commenced.

"When I was a boy this town was very small, and my father's house on the hill was then on the very suburbs of the village; the six acres surrounding it were filled with soft, green grass. It was a royal palace for play and a week never passed without a visit, at least once or twice from some of the village boys, for boys loved to play then just as well as now, and ball and mumble-peg were just as popular."

"The pasture ground at the rear of the house led down to the river bank, and this was a splendid place to go in bathing on warm summer evenings. There was seldom any danger here in the river, for the water was not very deep and neither was the stream very rapid. But just now we had been forbidden going in the water at all, for there had been a great freshet, flooding down a great deal of lumber from the lumber yards some miles above here, and often the water would be almost covered with floating boards and there being so much more water in the banks it was much swifter than usual."

"Another week was almost over and I was looking forward anxiously to Saturday afternoon, for my father had been to the city and brought me back a beautiful new ball and a set of clubs, and several of my boy friends were coming out to have a game."

"Well, Saturday came, for you know it always does come once in a week, and true to the minute the boys were on hand. There was Jimmie Banks who has now grown to that good old doctor who treated you when you had the measles last summer, and John and Alfred Sprague, and Willie Thompson, a pet with all the school. The sun was shining brightly and we had a real splendid game of ball. We all played until our arms ached, and then we sat down under the trees and told stories, and Willie sang us some pretty songs with his sweet winning voice. But after a while Willie had sung all his songs, and the rest of us had told all the stories we knew, and John spoke up, 'Come boys, let's go to the river and have a good swim.'"

"Oh, no," said Jimmie, "you know the boards are floating in the water and it is not safe." "Are you afraid of a few floating boards," replied John, "Why can we see them coming and dodge out of the way. Won't you go, then, we would say, let God have the glory of making him such. But he was more. He was a Christian and was wont to ascribe all the good that was in him to Christ, 'by whose grace he was what he was,' and."

ings at the sick bed of her now sainted mother, she accompanied her father to New York and several parts of the Upper Provinces, but not being benefited in any way by his tour, she hastened home, as she said, to die; nor had she any time in this respect to lose—for in less than one short week after her arrival at home she was taken from the sorrow and distress of the present to the joys and the glory of the heavenly life.

She had been for years a devoted Teacher in the Sabbath school and will be greatly missed there. An earnest spirit of enquiry after the experiential truth of the Gospel had characterized her from her youth, but it was not until her last illness that she was enabled fully to claim the saving efficacy of Christ, and now to the great honor of His adorned name it is spoken—He did save her from all her sins. She remarked a short time before her decease—"Now I am not afraid to die." Her funeral was largely attended and was more than usually solemn and impressive by the presence of several ministers of other churches and the part they took in the services.

Our sister beloved has left a father and brother who feel most keenly this bereavement, and other relations who mourn her early removal from us. May they all have grace with which to glorify God.

Soon after the death of Miss Crowell we were summoned to the death bed of a beloved young brother, Capt. Thomas H. eldest son of Thomas and Sarah Coffin. He fell asleep in Jesus on the 11th inst., in the 27th year of his age. He came home last fall intending to spend the winter with his parents and in the spring take charge of a new ship which his father was having built for him—but how completely were all their plans changed!

During the winter he had several attacks of hemorrhage of the lungs which weakened him greatly. In May, however, his health somewhat improved and he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah L. Doane and she would be cherished that in a month or two he would be well enough to take charge of his vessel—but the lungs were so weakened that he was unable to return with increased violence, and it became evident to all that he could not rally. He at once fully realized his imminent danger, but he was in all ways alarmed. The grace of Christ and full assurance of His love sustained him. The Saviour was all in all. Our brother had endeavored to glorify God from his youth up to manhood, nor did he in the day of his strength ever neglect his religious duties.

"He was not now forsaken by the divine Father in the hour of weakness and trial. He was very happy through all his illness. Patience in him had her perfect work. There was no murmuring—no grudging—no grieving about the goodness and love of God. He willingly surrendered all, feeling assured that he would soon possess all. His widowed bride though in deepest sorrow, was ever sustained and comforted by the presence of Jesus. His mother, who is only 'waiting by the river' and is watching with heavenly longings the coming of her longed-for son, is ever sustained and comforted by the presence of Jesus. His father, the brothers and sisters mourn not without hope. May the Holy one sustain and save them all forever. R. W. Barrington Aug. 26.

MR. KERR. The subject of this brief memoir, Ebenezer Kerr Esq., was born in Cornwallis N. S., on the 26th of June 1796 and departed this life on the 12th of March 1870 in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

Mr. Kerr had been early taught by pious parents, and although his father had been for many years an officer in the British Army, yet he was not without religious and moral training. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and a variety of hymns was rarely omitted. At the age of twenty-five Mr. K. became more particularly pious, and joined the Methodist Church, in which he remained until his death; he was a consistent member not attending occasionally but always when health permitted, unless some domestic affliction prevented. He was a lover of such things as he believed to be of God, and he took special care to see that his children were properly instructed in the principles of religion, and for nearly forty years he was a diligent and successful teacher of the young.

As Justice of the Peace Mr. K. held his commission from 1838 through all the government changes, and settled more or less by and by letter than in any other way. The writer of this article has known of his being an arbitrator in very many cases for which he received a fee, and he was a most successful one. He was a man of a most upright and honorable character, and his life was a constant example to all who knew him. He was a man of a most upright and honorable character, and his life was a constant example to all who knew him.

Mr. Kerr was a zealous temperance man, and gave up the use of wine and spirits at an early age, and for nearly forty years he abstained from the use of any kind of wine or spirits, except on Sacramental occasions. His wife was a woman of great piety and devotion, and she was a most successful teacher of the young. She was a woman of great piety and devotion, and she was a most successful teacher of the young.

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