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The Family Circle. After Dark A Word to Parents.

From the Christian Observer. A gentleman called at my school-room door, the bearer of unpleasant tidings: "Three of your pupils have been stealing books from the city book-stores. They are known and watched for; and, if they attempt it again, will be detected, and exposed and punished."

"What does that mean, sir? Come here. Have you really been taking books from the city book-stores?" "The boy tremblingly replied, 'I have, sir.' 'You have. Why? Had you not books enough unread at home? And, if you had asked, would I not have gratified you to any reasonable extent?'"

"Yes, sir." "Why, then, did you steal them?" "For fun, sir." "For fun! for fun!" repeated his father. "What! boy, could you thus trifle with my good name—and your own—for fun?"

He lifted his arm and raised his voice, and I feared that, in his excitement, he would strike a terrible blow; but suddenly checking himself, he cried out: "Go to the garret, sir—go, go; and stay there until I send for you."

HE COULD BE TRUSTED.—Alfred was missing one night about sunset. Mother was getting anxious, for she always wished him to be home early. A neighbor coming in, said a number of boys had gone to the river to swim, and he thought it likely Alfred was with them.

But seven o'clock came, then eight, and mother was still listening for Alfred's steps; but it was half-past eight before his shout and whistle were heard when he ran in at the gate. "Confess, now," said the neighbor, "that you have been to the river with other boys, and so kept away till late."

THE TOUCHY COWS.—"I learned a lesson when I was a little girl," says a lady. "One frosty morning I was looking out of the window into my father's farmyard, where stood many cows, and oxen, and horses waiting to drink. The cattle all stood very still and meek, till one of the cows, in attempting to turn round, happened to hit the next neighbor, whereupon the neighbor kicked and hit another. In five minutes the whole herd were kicking each other with great fury. My mother laughed and said,—"See what comes of kicking when you are hit.' Just so have I seen one cross word set a whole family by the ears on a frosty morning. Afterwards, if my brothers and I were a little irritable, she would say,—

"Take care, my children; remember how the fight in the barnyard began. Never return a kick for a hit, and you will save yourself a great deal of trouble."

A HAPPY ANSWER.—With regard to Mr. Sankey's part in the services in London, a stilly orthodox divine said he thought it rather "irreverent to sing the Gospel." The reply of an aged minister was happy and decisive: "As to that, my friend, remember that the Gospel was sung before it was preached, when the angels sang, 'Glory to God in the highest! on earth peace, good will to men.'"—New York Christian Advocate.

Waste Basket. GONE TO GRASS.—COWS. A NATURAL REVOLUTIONIST.—THE EARTH. SOMETHING THAT OUGHT TO BE PUT DOWN.—CARPETS. THE MAN WHO WORKS WITH A WILL.—THE PROBABE JUDGE.

WORKING FOR JESUS.—A preacher in England was once talking about the heathen, and telling how much they needed Bibles to teach them of Jesus. In the congregation was a little boy, who became intensely interested. He wished to help buy Bibles for the heathen. But he and his mother became very poor, and at first he was puzzled to know how to raise the money.

Finally he hit upon a plan. The people of England use rubbing or door stones for polishing their hearths and scouring their wooden floors. These stones are bits of marble or free-stone begged from the stone-cutters or marble-workers.

This little boy had a favorite donkey named Neddie. He thought it would be nice to have Neddie help him in the benevolent work. So he harnessed him up and loaded him with stones, and went around calling: "Do you want any door-stones?"

Before long he raised fifteen dollars. And then he went to the minister and said: "Please, sir, send this money to the heathen." "But, my dear little fellow, I must have a name to acknowledge it." The lad hesitated, as if he did not understand.

"You must tell me your name," repeated the minister, "that we may know who gave the money." "Oh well, then, sir, please put it down to Neddie and me; that will do, won't it, sir?"

LITTLE five years old Annie, who was suffering from a bad cold, went to pay a visit to auntie. During the day she related her various successes at school, and ended by declaring that she could read a great deal better than Sabina, who was eight years old. "Well," questioned auntie, "would it not sound better if some one else said it?" "Yes," answered Annie, with a very sober countenance, "I think it would. I have such a bad cold, that I can't say it very well."

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ISAAC G. JOHN, EDITOR.

Correspondence.

From Paris, Texas.

Since the cotton crop of last year was gathered, which did not require much time, there has been a vast amount of prairie, thicket, and timbered lands fenced in and broken up in Lamar county—more by far than any previous year since the late war.

The Book of Beauty.

Rev. J. B. Denton, having forwarded the requisite number of subscribers, claimed the Book of Beauty, as per our order, Messrs. H. Petterson & Co., Philadelphia, forwarded it to him. Bro. D. has this to say of the work:

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Mr. Editor—Do you have an idea that a full, impartial, consecutive history of Methodism in Texas will ever be written? Are you of the opinion that one preacher in ten will feel a sufficient degree of interest in this matter to aid in preparing a work, which, if completed, might be extensively circulated and read with thrilling interest and spiritual profit by thousands who are now living and multiplied thousands who are yet to people the vast, fertile and beautiful prairies and timber lands of this great and growing country? If so, we must not judge the future by the past.

Rev. J. C. Woolam was appointed at our last Annual Conference to assist the writer in collecting material to aid in furthering this object, will be carefully kept and duly reported. It is to be hoped that Brothers R. Alexander, of the Texas; O. A. Fisher, of the West Texas; O. M. Addison, of the Northwest Texas; and J. W. Fields, of the North Texas Conference, have been more successful than the writer—who was appointed for the East Texas Conference—in collecting material for the contemplated church history.

Death is making inroads upon many of our ministers, members and friends; let not the "sands of time" obliterate the "footprints" of our "heroic dead."

Camp-Meeting at Springtown.

Twenty years ago there was a camp-meeting at Springtown, Parker county, Texas. There were two hundred and fifty-six tents on the ground. The meeting lasted until many souls were converted and joined the church. It was said to be the greatest victory ever won for King Immanuel on this part of the Western frontier.

Interesting from Kilgore and Vicinity.

A word from this portion of the Master's vineyard: I have just returned home from my second quarterly meeting, which was held at Kilgore, on the International railroad, where much good was accomplished, we humbly trust. Bro. Daniel Morse, our beloved presiding elder, who is ever true to his post, met us on Friday night, and preached for us on the suffering and death of Jesus; and on Saturday he preached on the Apostasy and reclamation of Peter, in which we were clearly shown the duty of closely following the Savior, and the danger of following him afar off, which was shown to be the beginning point to a backslidden state, in which the preacher said a great deal in a few words.

Mr. Editor, it is not to be feared that we who are called of God to preach his gospel do not preach on the subject of future punishment and eternal death as clearly and as forcibly as we should? is it the doctrine of the Bible? if so, should we substitute any other name for the devil, or for hell, or hell-fire, or for the lake that burns with fire and brimstone? These are Bible terms, and should be used on Sunday at eleven o'clock, when the infidels and universalists and unbelievers are present to hear.

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