

Christian Homes.

What is more lovely to the view of all beholders than true companionship between childhood and age? Companionship between parents and their children is the secret of the highest joy of the former and of the greatest safety of the latter in the relations to each other. The want of this has made many a father's and mother's heart ache from a sense of neglect and desertion. To be on intimate, companionable, confidential terms with a child, is to throw out and keep ever on the alert a picket-line in the warfare with the great enemy of souls and to be forewarned of his most stealthy movements. The timely suggestion of a loving father or mother, thrown out in a free and familiar talk about some simple pastime, has saved many a confiding child from the snare of the fowler, and turned the whole current of an impulsive nature into safer channels. Then, too, think of the real enjoyment that old age, if it retains enough of young blood to relish the frolics of childhood, may get from free and easy companionship with it in the nursery or on the playground! It is one of the most beautiful sights in the whole round of our social life when the gray hairs and tottering steps of age enter into genuine competition with the sprightliness of childhood in sport and frolic. The two ends of life come together thus with peculiar grace, and when deftly joined from a circle of celestial beauty. When age retains its freshness and artlessness so as not to repel the overtures of childhood, and youth takes on enough of reflection and inquiry to invite the fellowship of experience, the family circle becomes a type of heaven. To foster and promote this element in society is to do the best thing that can be done for its purity and prosperity. What we especially need at the present time to fortify us against the inroads of evil, is an increase of pleasant happy Christian homes, where parents, and children, the young and the old, have faith in and love for one another. The last thing to take from a child whom we would bless and save is a happy Christian home.—*Religious Herald.*

Our Mothers.

In the formation of our character, we owe to our mothers more than to any other human agency, for it is their hands that first twine the tendrils of our hearts, guide our footsteps aright, lead us in the path of virtue, and in the dark, dreary night of pain, their watchful vigils keep beside the couch of their dear ones. Whose but the all-seeing eye of Jehovah can fathom the depths of anxiety they feel, and who can tell of the ceaseless prayers which they offer for their sin-stricken children?

Their influence ever shines with an unsullied light which softens and purifies the wayward impulses of the youthful mind, and guides it onward in its course toward heaven. How, then, can we pay just tribute to our mothers—with what measures of gratitude and affection shall we requite them for their maternal care?

To those who have lost their mothers in early life, there is the hallowed spot, sacred to memory, where they retrospect the past—recall days and nights when their mothers kept watch over their sinless years, and where they may look forward, with faith and hope, to the blessed reunions of the everlasting future.

Friends may be torn from our hearts, hopes may be blasted, and our love for others grow cold, yet every principle of gratitude and every feeling of virtuous sensibility requires that we should cling to our mothers and love them still.—*Ex.*

Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The crook'd but classic streets of Boston
bear
Full many a writer's born to work unseen,
And waste his genius on the local air.

Researches in Palestine.

An interesting traveler from Palestine was in Rome recently. Cavalier Dr. Pierrotti, member of various scientific societies, has lived twenty-four years in the Holy Land, and made a large collection of ancient objects which he desires to sell to the Italian government. With the Bible in his hand he has traveled all over Palestine and confronted the names of the places and the traditions of the people with the Scriptures. He says, "I had no other guides but the Bible, the history of Josephus and the pilgrimage of St. Jerome." After making the campaign of 1848 and 1849 in Italy, he went to the East and was appointed military instructor of the troops of the pasha. He thus had unusual facilities for traveling in the deserted parts of Palestine, and also for excavating. The results of the excavations are sarcophagi of verdantique serpentine porphyry, and other valuable marbles, richly carved capitals, arms and armor. He found the cave of Maophelah, the grave of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and descended into it. He excavated beneath the ruins of the temple of Solomon, and occupied for a time the ancient city of Bashan. He has entire faith in the literal fulfillment of the prophecies of the return of the Jews, and the restoration of Palestine to its ancient fertility.—*Ex.*

A Test of Scholarship.

The late Mr. Fields possessed a remarkable memory. His knowledge of English literature was so clear and available that he was often called upon to settle disputed questions of authorship. Several years ago a gentleman, thinking to puzzle Mr. Fields, and make sport for a company at dinner, informed them, prior to Mr. Fields' arrival, that he had himself that morning written some poetry and intended to submit it to Mr. Fields as Southey's and inquire in which of his poems the lines occurred. At the proper moment, therefore, after the guests were seated, he began: "Friend Fields, I have been a good deal exercised of late trying to find in Southey's poems his well known lines running thus—can you tell us about what time he wrote them?"

"I do not remember to have met with them before," replied Mr. Fields, and there were only two periods in Southey's life when such lines could possibly have been written by him."

"When were those?" gleefully asked the witty questioner.

"Somewhere," said Mr. Fields, "about that early period of his existence when he was having the measles and cutting his first teeth; or near the close of his life, when his brain had softened and he had fallen into idiocy. The versification belongs to the measles period, but the expression evidently betrays the idiotic one."

The funny questioner smiled faintly, but the company roared.—*Ex.*

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