

The Banner of Progress.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1897.

LYCEUM DEPARTMENT.

"Angels wherever we go attend
Our steps, while'er we tread,
With watchful care their charge defend,
And evil turn aside."
—CHARLES WESLEY.

SONNET.

BY FELICIA HERMAN, WRITTEN AT THE AGE OF THIRTEEN.

Thy sweet to think the spirit of the blest
May hover round the virtuous man's repose,
And oft in visions animate his breast,
And scenes of bright beatitude disclose.
The ministers of Heaven, with pure control,
May bid his sorrow and emotion cease,
Inspire the pious heart with heavenly zeal,
And whisper to his bosom hallowed peace.
Ah, tender thought! that with sweet relief
May charm the bosom of a weeping friend,
Beguile with magic power the tear of grief,
And pensive thoughts to gladness blend;
While oft the faintest smile, sweetly faint,
The airy life of some departed saint.

Parental Correction.

That man commits a crime, and so does the woman, who will send a child to bed with a wounded spirit, or who shall allow any vindictiveness of feeling to exist in consequence of anything the child says of a slouter, sharper, or more cruel than the others. Parents have driven some mad, multitudes are there, more dead than alive, from the ailments of the mind, which is wasting itself away in vain remorse for the irrevocable past. The fault of most parents is over-harsh reproofs of their children, reproofs that are harsh, unproportioned to the offense, and hence, as to one's own child, helpless and unresisting, are a cruelty as well as an injustice. Thrice happy is that parent who has no child which can be wished back, if for a brief space, so as to afford some opportunity for repairing some unimpaired kindness to the dear darling. Parents have been many times urged in these pages to make persistent efforts to arrange two things in domestic intercourse, and to spare no pains and no amount of moral courage and determination, in order that there should be brought about, if it may require a thousand efforts, and there may be a thousand failures, as discouraging as they are sad; still let the high resolve go out, "It shall be done!" and the pricking of many a thorn will be spared in after years and old age. The two points to be daily aimed at are:

1. Let the family table be a meeting-place of pleasantness and affection and peace, and for the exhibition of all the sweeter feelings of domestic life.
2. Let every child be sent to bed with kisses of affection, especially those under ten years of age.

—Halt's Journal of Home.

LITTLE THINGS.—The preciousness of little things was never more beautifully expressed than in the following *monologue*:

"Little martin-birds of homes are generally the most happy and cosy; little villages are nearer to being atoms of a slouter paradise than any thing we know of; and little fortunes bring the most content, and little hopes the least disappointment. Little words are the sweetest to hear; little charities fly the farthest and stay longest on the wing; little lakes are the stillest, little hearts the fullest and the truest; little loves are the most real and little songs the most loved. And when Nature would make anything especially rare and beautiful, she makes it little—little pearls, little diamonds, little deves. Every thing that is rare and beautiful is based on earth. We once find a good sort of a man speak of his little wife, and we fancied that she must be a perfect bijou of a wife. We saw her, and she weighed 210; we were surprised; but then it was no joke. The man meant it; he could put his wife in his heart and have room for other things beside. And what was she but little? *Mulum in parvo*—much in little—is the great beauty of all we love best, hope for most, and remember the longest."

AN AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT OF A DOG.—A favorite hound, belonging to an old hunter, came to his master one morning when he was engaged in chopping wood in the forest, and by various intelligible signs persuaded his owner to follow him to a thicket, some little distance off in the woods. The hunter, on following his dog, found there a small and very feeble fawn, cowering in the vines and brambles, so that it was impossible for it to extricate itself. The unfortunate fawn was carried to the house, and fed upon milk; but the hound, who was ever ready to hunt and pull the hind legs of the fawn, seemed to understand that he had saved this little animal's life. He made it share his bed at night, and through the day was ever on the look-out to defend or aid it, till the rest of the pack of hounds learned to know it, and to understand that they were not to molest their companion's pet.

A LITTLE GIRL, worn out by a long sermon, observing the preacher gathering himself for the introduction of another "point," exclaimed, "O mother! he's not going to quit at all! He's swelling up again!"

A RURAL PHILOSOPHER avers that subjecting all children to the same system of instruction, is like boiling large and small potatoes in one pot, and for a like number of minutes. Some of them get done, and some don't.

"MOTHER, can I go and have a photograph taken?" "No; it isn't worth it." "Why not?" "Then, you might let me go and have a tooth pulled—I never go anywhere!"

ESTIMATING CHARACTER.—In our estimation of what is good or evil, and in determining on the characters of men, we are often misled by the bad, we are often in hazard of committing mistakes. The real characters of men are only known to God, and frequently depend on the secret and unseen parts of life. As in judging of ourselves we are always partial, so in judging of others we often err, through the imperfect information which we have gathered, or the prejudices we may have formed. We are too apt to limit the character of virtue to those who agree with us in sentiment and belief; and to exaggerate the feelings of those against whom we have conceived a dislike, into great and unpardonable crimes.—The Hebrew.

MARY and Keziah Hicks, of Roane County, Tenn., have lately disagreed with their step-mother, and the other day they removed their step-mother, and the smoke-house, labored like fiends to strangle her, then poured melted lead into her ear, and finally struck her with a hammer, which she rushed at, and with an ax. The girls then left her and went to church! The old lady died soon after.

OF TWO New York girls, one attended at the aristocratic Grace Church, and the other at the humble St. Paul's. The former, one Sunday, sent a request to the latter, her friend, that she would go to church with her, to which she replied, "I should have been happy to do so, only that she 'was dressed for St. Paul's.'"

A LADY wrote some verses upon a window intimating her design of never marrying. A gentleman wrote the following lines underneath:

The lady whose resolve these words betoken,
Wrote them on glass to show it may be broken."

WELL KNIT.—"Ma," said a five-year-old young lady to her mother, the other day, "do they make men the same as they do stockings?" "How absurd you are, dear!" said the mother. "There I made you say, this morning, that Major Sparker was a remarkably well knit man!"

THOMAS PAINE.—Some time after the death of Mr. Paine, a certain Doctor of Divinity advertised that he was going to lecture on the subject of Mr. Paine's worth. He told his friends that he intended to hear the lecture, and to correct any misstatements that might be made, on the spot. The clergyman heard of it, and asked Mr. Woodworth, "Said he, 'I understand, Mr. Woodworth, you intend to disturb me in my lecture on Paine.'"

"No, Sir," said Mr. W., "but I did say that if you should make any statements that I know to be untrue, I would take the opportunity to correct them on the spot."

"Oh! you would not do that, Mr. Woodworth, I hope."

"Certainly I would," said Mr. W., "as the advocate of a deceased friend, whom I know better than you. I have heard lies enough reported about Mr. Paine—his drunkenness, his rudeness, and his recanting his writings—and if you repeat any of them you will hear from me on the spot."

The lecture never came off.—Investigator.

EXPERIENCE teaches us that the calamities of mankind have sprung from their religious opinions. The ignorance of natural causes created gods, and gods created superstitions. Mankind lived unhappily, because they were taught from their infancy to think God had condemned them to misery. They never entertained a wish to break their chains, because they were taught that devotion, the renouncing of reason, mental debility, and spiritual debasement were the means of obtaining salvation.

A SENSITIVE YOUNG SCHOOL-MISTRESS was once shocked, when, in the geography class recitation, she asked why it was impossible to keep the Misses signposts from being blown down, and received for answer from a little chap: "Because dam it you can't!"—Evening Bulletin.

A Challenge to the Clergy.

To the Clergymen of the Pacific Coast:
REV. GENTLEMEN—I hereby extend a challenge to any one of you whom your religious organization will endorse as being capable of defending your articles of faith, to meet me either in this city or in Sacramento, San Jose, Marysville, or Napa City, in oral discussion on the following questions:

1. Do the spirits of the departed possess power to return and communicate intelligently with their friends in the earth-life?

I taking the affirmative, you the negative.

2. Are the teachings of Spiritualism immoral in their tendencies, as compared with the teachings of the Bible and Christianity?

You to take the affirmative, and I the negative.

Discuss two days.

An early reply is desired.

Yours respectfully, BENJAMIN TODD.

The following personal invitation has also been addressed:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2, 1897.

REV. MR. DWINELL:

SIR—In the Sacramento Union of recent date, I saw the report of a discourse delivered by you, in which you speak in a manner highly derogatory of Spiritualism. I herein challenge you to meet me in an oral discussion, either in Sacramento or in this city, to continue four days, upon the following questions:

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Yours respectfully, BENJAMIN TODD.

We intend to keep the above in a conspicuous place, because some have imagined that the challenge had been withdrawn on account of the temporary absence of Mr. Todd on a lecturing tour in Oregon. It will not be withdrawn for any reason except illness.

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SUNDAY TIME.

SAN FRANCISCO.	ALAMEDA.	SAN LEANDRO.	HAYWARD'S.
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