## The Samily Circle.

The Flag.

[SEPTEMBER 24, 1852.] PIRITS of patriots, hail in heaven again The flag for which ye fought and died, ow that its fields, washed clear of every strain Ploats out in honest pride!

ree blood flows through its scarlet veins once iond brighter shine its silver bars; Amongst the golden stars.

ee how our earthly constellation gleams; And backward, flash for flash, returns, theavenly sisters their immortal beams. With light that fires and burns;

t burns because a moving soul is there, A living force, a shaping powers of air acknowledge and

length the day of prophets seen of old, Rlames on the crimsoned battle blade. enceforth, O flag, no mortal bought and sold Shall crouch beneath thy shade. at shame has vanished in the darkened past,

With all the wild chaotic wrongs at held the struggling centuries shackled fast. With fear's accursed thongs. erefore, O patriot fathers, in your eyes

i brandish thus our banner pure: atch o'er us, bless us, from your peaceful And make the issue pure!

GEORGE H. BOKER. -Forney's Press.

#### THE SOLDIER'S CONVERSION.

"WHERE were you wounded?"

"At the last Bull Run battle." "Is your wound a bad one?"

"So bad that I never expect to get up again;" he replied with a cheerful voice. "What! and you so calm." I'm ready to swerve from my given word. Well, you have go now, thank God! I've got nothing to do heard of the second Bull Run battle—in that but wait."

battle?" "How, madam?"

calm as you appear now."

He smiled faintly.
If you had seen me going into battle, lam, you would have seen a miserable and ever thought I could feel. I won't deny that perate man. That is, if you could have I have wanted to live. You see this;" he ed into my heart. I left a wife, to whom pointed to a handsome sword, hanging up by d been a bane, not a blessing, and two his bed side. I have received a captain's children. I left a good practice. I was commission for services rendered. I am pro-'hed in broadcloth, and was gay and folly moted for very flattering reasons-but," and ut under all, I carried a heavy heart. a sweet smile brightened his face, "the dy wife had borne everything from me but down here."

oel territory.

Fourteen of us laid in a room not quite soldier's bedside. - Examiner. een feet square, with no food for a day reated with open, absolute cruelty, but at amounted to the same thing, saving tritality, with carelessness and neglect. Tryou could see the rations of those poor nen. But no, you would never forget. our days, seven of those fourteen, were ld out for burial, and then we had room

on the fifth day, after we had eaten our lable food, the door opened, and it and to me as if heaven opened also, for a an came in. She was dressed like a eress; her countenance was sweet as bf an angel. I can never, never forget voman. The condition in which we were at time, I will not attempt to describe. ong man might have revolted at the filth, h and vermin. Not so that saintly Quas, or perhaps I should say, that Christian n. who braved the pestilential vapors, anelt beside us in that wretched straw, gs after she had bathed my face and

riend, thee shall not be neglected, if I

ibssibly get to thee.' ha beauty that is not of this earth, as hundred years; that law seeming to be, that d. Friend, I shall leave this text with the life should be five times the length of

tiske as a father pitieth his children, so ral observation is, that the longer persons ral observation is, that the longer persons ind pitieth them that fear him. For He are growing, the longer they live: other hour frame, He remembereth that we things being equal.

or words of Holy Scripture. It often

walk about, a few steps at a time. She did not come till late that day, having been detained at home by sickness in her family. It was soft moonlight when she bade us good night, and with more than ordinary solemnity turned towards us. The bright moonbeams came in, and shone on our pallets, and streamed over our faces. We saw her countenance, unusually grave, as well as sweet, as she said in the clearest voice I ever heard: "' Who shall separate us from the love of

Christ! Shall tribulation-or distress-or persecution-or famine-or nakedness -or peril-or sword? I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor d

Jesus our Lord.' "I cannot tell you how those words penetrated me to the very core of the heart. I could not sleep—I could not join in the usual comment, which were fainter and fewer that night was in mental anguish till the morning broke, but before night, the Almighty was pleased to show me His salvation. We never saw our blessed visitor again. That day on which God spoke peace to my gul, we were conveyed away, paroled, and sent North, I, after languishing a long time in a Washington hospital, had a furlough granted, and returned home, to tell my wife what God had done for me. She received me most tenderly, forgot and forgave all the past, and nursed me so-well, that in a month's time I was fieldy for battle again. But not as being did I go back. O no, no, no! but with the cause of an exquisite happiness so warm at my heart, that in the midst of fire and by I should have felt no fear. O, this wo ful peace! it does indeed pass all understanding. My superior officers and my men saw the change in me, and tried to banter me, but I bore all their fun with good temper, and wherever I could get the oppotunity, dropped a good word for a seed. No dram passed my lips; I had sworn solemnly before God, to abandon my cups, and for no man, no matter how high in office, would I I was wounded again; this time, no doubt, "Did you feel so when you first went into fatally, below the heart. I know just how I stand, that the wound will soon cause mortification, and that no earthly power can pre-Why, so-I can hardly express it—so vent it, and I am calm. That glorious assurance of the love of Jesus Christ, from which

? I had been intemperate for years. crown, up there, is better than the sword, personal abuse, and I felt as if I was leaving As he ceased speaking, his wife came in. a home made miserable, for the free and easy She had been for some days in attendance on life of a soldier. I went out as second-lieu- him. He introduced her to me. She was a tenant, and looking back from this dying bed, beautiful woman, still holding the charms I hardly wonder, madam, at the reverses we that must have won him. As we were talkhave met. It is not known to the public, it is not dreamed of, to what an extent not drinking, merely, but drunkenness, exists in our army. I have seen lieutenants, captains, majors, colonels, and even generals, drank came up to the bed, saying, "Friend, I have and so have I seen the little drummer boys.

I did have a some up to the bed, saying, "Friend, I have been searching for thee;" and grasped his hand warmly. How he expressed his thanks over the state apon us rather suddenly, and in I felt more like a wild tiger than a not describe. There were no dry eyes round n being. But fortunately-or I should that couch-and no tears shed but for joy. providentially-in that battle I was Not long after, the captain's widow reded, and badly wounded. I was shot turned to New York, and her fatherless litgh the lungs, and suffered more than I the children; but I have good reason to know describe, for it was as a prisoner, and that the Comforter went with her. O, good women! forget not the good word, at the

nothing—nothing, can separate us, gives me all the patience I need, and more joy than I

# Miscellaneous.

### DURATION OF LIFE.

The average duration of life of man in civilized society is about thirty-three and a third years. This is called a generation, making three in a century. But there are certain localities and certain communities of people where this average is considerably extended. The mountaineer lives longer than the lowlander; the farmer than the artisan: the traveler than the sedentary; the temperate than the self-indulgent; the just than the dishonest. "The wicked shall not live out half his days," is the announcement of Divinity. The philosophy of this is found in the

fact, that the moral character has a strong power over the physical; a power much more controlling than is generally imagined. The mfort the poor, wounded, heart sick, ble precepts; is "temperate in all things; true man conducts himself in the light of Bifined soldier. Never shall I forget my is "slow to anger;" and on his grave is written : "He went about doing good." In these r, brushed the matted hair from my fore- three things are the great elements of human and then made up a fresh bed in health; the restraint of the appetites; the Jar part of the room, and helped me to it control of the passions; and that highest type of physical exercise, "going about do-ing good." It is said of the eminent Quaker philanthropist, Joseph John Gurney, s you knew how the presence of a wo- that the labor and pains he took to go and not such a time as that, lights up the see personally the objects of his contemplat-A's heart! I cannot describe the emo- ed charities, so that none of them should be awe and reverence I felt towards her. unworthily bestowed, was of itself almost the an from that moment to hallow the labor of one man, and he attended to his immense banking business besides; in fact, he did too much, and died at sixty. The averseen her, I would have gone on my age length of human life of all countries, at to her. All women grew sacred in the this age of the world, is about twenty-eight pce of this one ministering angel. She years. One quarter of all who die do not reach the age of seven; one half die before ne, I would have obeyed her. In the reaching seventeen; and yet the average of of a week, we had all improved won- life of "Friends," in Great Britain and Irely. Our blessed visitor brought us the land in 1860, was nearly fifty-six years, just double the average life of other peoples. delicacy. But better than all this, in Surely this is a strong inducement for all o delicacy. Dur better than an tons, in seet, unobtrusive way, she would say, practice for themselves, and to inculcate it upon their children day by day, that simplicity of habit, that quietness of demeanor, are for thee, that thee may think of that restraint of temper, that control of the am gone. I remember all of them, appetites and propensities, and that orderly, am gone. I remember an or them, appetites and propensities, and that orderly, systematic, and even mode of life, which some ridicule upon the proceeding, but some ridicule upon the proceeding, but are demonstrably the means of so largely innot last long. I can see her now, the creasing the average of human existence. pen, and her thin form defined against pen, and her thin form defined against pen, and her thin form defined against Reasoning from the analogy of the animal creation, mankind should live nearly an

## A MINISTER'S STORY OF A PIG.

Rev. J. G Wood, in his "Animal Traits and Characteristics," thus glorifies one: s, those words occurred to me, each time "A curious animal is a pig, gentlemen!

by half. All hands were fond of him, and barn, and the funeral procession started for there was not one on board that would have Newlands churchyard. When Walter came seen him injured. There was a dog on board, to a close, and opened his eyes, he found too, and the pig and he were capital friends; himself alone, and on inquiry discovered that they ate out of the same plate, walked about the procession was fully a mile on its way. the decks together, and would lie down side His conceited soul was chafed. by side under the bulwarks in the sun. The only thing they ever quarreled about was lodging. The dog, you see, sir, had got a kennel for himself: the pig had nothing of the sort. We did not think he needed one;

Mr Lawson was journeying on foot once to assist at the communion at Liddesdale. He went off the road, and got bewildered among but he had his own notions upon that matter. Why should Toby be better housed of a night the way to Newcastletown; the herd kindly than he? Well, sir, he had somehow got into walked with him a mile or two, and having his head that possession is nine parts of the law; and though Toby tried to show him the rights of the question, he was so pig-headed in the kitchen, a tap was heard at the door. that he either would not or could not understand. So every night it came to be catch as catch can. If the dog got in first he obliged to you, for I doubt I have wandered? would show his teeth, and the other had to lie under the boat, or to find the softest plank and saw that it was Dr. Lawson. 'Sir.' said where he could; if the pig was found in pos- he, 'I think ye're baith daft and donnered. session, the dog could not turn him out, but I pat you on that road this morning already. looked out for his revenge next time. One and what brings you back this way again? evening, gentlemen, it had been blowing hard The doctor recognized his guide, and simply all day, and I had just ordered close-reefed said, 'I dare say Tam donnered enough; but topsails, for the gale was increasing, and I have reason to thank God that I have lost there was a good deal of sea running, and it was coming on to be wet; in short, I said to myself, as I called down the companion-ladder right path. for the boy to bring up my peajacket, 'We are going to have a dirty night.' The pig a highly esteemed Christian minister, was a was slipping and tumbling about the decks, for the ship lay over so much with the breeze, being close-hauled, that he could not keep wife, of crabbed temper, and rather ungodly his hoofs. At last he thought he would go and secure his berth for the night, though it quarrelled; and the result was that he took wanted a good big of dusk. But lo and behold! Toby had been of the same mind, and She went immediately to Dr. Lawson and there he was safely housed. 'Umph, umph!' says piggy, as he turned and looked up at lieved, and as it was not denied, punishment the black sky to windward; but Toby did not was inflicted. He was ordered to abide in offer to move. At last the pig seemed to the house; and to make the sentence more give it up, and took a turn or two, as if he severe, his father took him into the study. was making up his mind which was the warm- and commanded him to sit there with him. est corner. Presently he trudges off to the The son was restless, and frequently eyed the lee scuppers, where the tin-plate was lying that they are their cold tatoes off. Pig takes thought, and quietly slipped out. He went directly to the henwife's and killed another Address, LEONARD SCOTT & CO., No. 54 Gold Street, New York. it; but some way from the kennel; then, turning his tail toward the dog, he begins to act missed him. The henwife speedily made her as if he was eating out of the plate, making appearance, and charged the slaughter again it rattle, and munching with his mouth pretty loud. 'What!' thinks Toby, 'has piggy got victuals, there? and he pricked up his ears, and looked out toward the place, making a little whining. 'Champ, champ!' goes the pig, taking not the least notice of the dog, and down goes his mouth to the plate again. Toby couldn't stand that any longer; victuals, and he not there! Out he runs, and in high glee.

#### MR. TRAIN AMONG THE BOSTONIANS.

comes up in front of the pig, with his mouth

watering, and pushes his cold nose into the

empty plate. Like a shot, gentlemen, the

pig turned tail, and was snug in the kennel

before Toby well knew whether there was

any meat or not in the plate."

The Commonwealth; a new, vigorous Boston paper, handles Mr. Train in a serio comic manner, of which we give some specimens. The occasion was a speech of Mr. Train's against Senator Summer. ] Tagg of

By the way, as the address proceeded we saw through the entire mystery of England's position in this struggle. We had thought it the despot's hate of free institutions; we had thought it the cotton interest and the tariff: but we see now that it all comes of

Whether Train was there when Carlyle wrote about American and her eighteen millions of bores," we know not. But when British authorities have spoken of "Yankee conceit," of "transatlantic braggadocio" they had Train before them as a representative man. We detect him in their vast idea that "the Southerner is the better man." that "he more resembles the English gentle-man." As Agassiz judges the whole fish from one of its scales, they have judged New England and the Northwest by Train. Is it too late, now that we have seen this specimen of Young America, to assure the English that Train is a very scaly scale, and beg them to suspend their decision until we can have a morning, quietly slipped out of the room, rehatter man among them? We assure them better man among them? We assure them that our men of importance who were abroad came home about the time that Fremont did: and at present we cannot spare them. Train. however, we can spare; and will spare at the

risk of heing misunderstood for a while in foreign parts.

P. S. Since writing the above, we learn that a learned chemist has pronounced the address to consist, by close analysis, of: Kid gloves, 1-4; handkerchief, 1-4; train oil, 1-4; Jornorge Bene MacleHellan, 1-4; the whole dissolved in gas.

the evolutions of this creature will be exhibited in future. Barnum wished to call it the What-is-it; but high zoological authority has already labelled it: Genus, Bug: Species,

Hum. We dismiss this harlequin, to whom we have perhaps devoted too much space. But not o England. The depth of hate to which the heart of that nation must have gone before it could let bose this fellow on our shores amid our present distresses, is absolutely unimagiz nable. The Mason and Slidell affair we canforgive; the Times we can forgive; but to to his desk. permit Train to come here was simply diabolical and unpardonable. Perfidious Albion! You had Train; you might have held him; we should have waived all questions of international law; if you had not only nabbed him his hand shook with a nervous tremor when but sent him to Australia. You had many he took it. colonies open to you. But deliberately, you let him come here to this afflicted people.— Is this what we reap from the grain sent to even worse than he anticipated. The clerk Ireland in her famine? Is this what those saw it, nor wondered. He made no remark, who petted your prince, had a right to ex- however. pect? Oh, Albion, how could you!

## STORIES OF SCOTCH PREACHERS.

From a notice of the Life of Rev. George Lawson, professor in the Secession Church Associate Synod) of Scotland, and who died 1820, we extract some very readable anecdotes. The first is of a Rev. Walter Jackson, the rest are of Professor Lawson him-

The prayers of even godly men at that time were very long and heavy, comprehend- himself. ing sometimes a system of divinity. Jack. son was notorious for length. He was attending a funeral at Hallmyre. The company had assembled in the barn to get some refreshment, and having partaken, he was asked to return thanks. He commonced in right good earnest with the fall of Adam, Very cunning, too—a great deal more sensi-ling a balm. And now I wil tell you Very cunning, too—a great deal more sensi-line of the conversion. It was ble than people give him credit for. I had a pig aboard my ship that was too knowing the mourners; one by one they described the and was going down from one great Bible doctrine to another, till patience was ex-

ABSENCE OF MIND.

assist at the communion at Liddesdale. He the hills. Meeting a herd-boy, he asked him Come in, said the boy. Can you tell me

tricks. Near the manse lived an old hencharged his son with the deed. She was beplace in the library, his father having never upon him. Dr. Lawsen, however, waxed angry-declared her to be a false accuser, as the boy had been closeted with him all the time,-adding, 'Besides, this convinces me that you had just as little ground for your first accusation; I therefore acquit him of

both, and he may go out now.' The woman went off in high dudgeon, and the prisoner

STRANGE MIDNIGHT VISIT.

"His wonderful knowledge of Scripture

was illustrated once in a way alike surprising and graphic. As the friendly lighthouse in the ocean is guide to the bewildered mariner, so was he to his surrounding brethren. mentator. In their biblical difficulties they either wrote or rode up to Selkirk, and were never disappointed. On one occasion, Mr. Shanks, of Jedburgh, was much perplexed with a text. He could make nothing of it; but, determined not to give way, he ordered his horse, and set off, late in the evening, to Selkirk—a distance of fifteen miles. He arrived about one o'clock in the morning. He had to knock oftener than once before he was heard. The door, at length, was opened, and the servant asked who he was, and what brought him at such an bour to the manse. Having replied to all this, he insisted on seeing Dr. Lawson. 'He is in bed and sound asleep hours ago,' said the maiden. 'It matters not,' replied Mr. Shanks; 'I must see him, and you will hold the reins of my THE American Sunday School Union and Americommenced an exegesis upon the text in question,—quoted the context, referred to the parallel passages in foregoing and succeding chapters, and cleared up the whole subject to his friend's satisfaction. Mr. Shanks then thanked Dr. Lawson, bade him goodburgh. In the morning, about five o'clock, Dr. Liawson awoke. My dear, he said to Mrs. Lawson, 'I have had a dream, a very THE capacity of this road is now equal to any in Mrs. Lawson, 'I have had a dream, a very pleasant dream, to-night. I dreamed that Mr. Shanks, good man, came all the way up from Jedburgh to consult me about a text that troubled him.' 'It was no dream,' said Mrs. Lawson; 'Mr. Shanks was here, in this very room, and I overheard all you and he had to say.' It was with difficulty she could get him persuaded to believe that it had been get him persuaded to believe that it had been without change of cars or conductors. All Through without change of cars or conductors. All Through without change of cars or conductors. had to say.' It was with difficulty sne could get him persuaded to believe that it had been so. On going down stairs, he inquired at the servant if Mr. Shanks had come during the night, and in what room he was sleeping.

The servant assured him that the Jedburgh minister had really been in in the house, but the says in the house now sir; he sexcented. dissolved in gas.

LATER. We learn that Barnum has secured the night, and in what room he was sleeping.

The servant assured him that the Jedburgh but added, 'He is not in the house now, sir; he excepted. Mail Train leaves Philadelphia at

### THE TRIAL-BALANCE.

"THE trial-balance," said the book-keeperpassing the merchant, his employer, a sheet.

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It was too much for Mr. H. A long, dangerous fever was the result. Hour after hour the burning patient tossed upon his bed

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"How can I meet it?" he inquired within

"God's trial-balance!" said conscience. "I know it," replied the merchant. shall I be an everlasting bankrupt?"

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