

The Family Circle.

[For the American Presbyterian.]
LINES
On the death of Dr. Charles H. Fife, assistant surgeon United States Navy, who died on December 29th 1865, at St. Simons Island, Ga.

Oh I bring him home from the Southern Isle
And lay him to rest near his friends awhile;
Till the last loud trump shall bid him rise
From the dust and soar to the upper skies.

Let him rest beside that ancient dome,
Old Pine street church so near his home;
Where the lessons of truth to him were told,
" As pictures of silver and apples of gold."

Those truths that could make him wise for life,
And fit him at last for the dying strife;
To calm his fears as the Jordan he trod,
And point his eye to the "Lamb of God."

'T was here baptismal drops were shed
By the man of God, that his infant had,
And the parents here were taught to pray,
To train him for God, that so he might live.

And God to these parents' prayer has lent
A listening ear, and His angel has sent,
To call this son to his home above;
Where all is peace, and joy and love.

For there no frightful war's alarms
Shall call our loved ones from our arms,
Nor fall disease shall deal the blow
To lay the hopes of parents low.

And there the eye that turned so bright
Shall ne'er be clouded by the night;
And youthful beauty shall bloom
Beyond the confines of the tomb.

The flowers that bloom in fragrance there,
Shall not be gathered for the bier—
No paled tongue! no fading eye!
For there the loved ones never die.

WHAT A CHILD CAN FEEL AND DO.

There is a charming simplicity in the way in which children often accept the promises of the Gospel and perform its duties, from which older persons, whose perceptions have been dulled by worldly life, may learn good lessons:

In passing through a street in Belfast, I was told that a little boy was very ill. I called. He was a stranger to me. I found him in bed.

"What ails you, my dear boy?" said I. "Oh, my sins, sir! I cannot bear the weight of my sins."

"Do you feel that you are a sinner?" "O sir, I am the chief of sinners."

"And what are you doing?" "I am praying to Jesus."

"And what are you asking Jesus to do for you?" "To take away my sins."

He was called upon in bed, his hands firmly clasped. Even when I spoke to him and pointed him to the Lamb of God, he continued to pray. When I called again, he was full of joy. He had found the Messiah.

I asked him, "Is there anything you would like to do for Jesus?" His reply was, "I would like to bring all my brothers and sisters, and the world to Him."

I called again soon after. He was there, but not alone. A number of his companions, but no boys, had gathered in. What did this child do? He was not ashamed of Jesus, or afraid to tell what He had done for his soul. He appealed to his companions about their souls. He then told them what he felt and how he felt; that Jesus had done for him. He proposed to pray for them, and they all knelt down. I heard that prayer. It was most simple, touching and earnest.

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HINDU YEARNINGS.

There are hearts the world over, which yearn after God. I was much struck with this in reading lately a Tamil book, the product of a splendid Hindu mind.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

I was conversing not long since with a return volunteer. "I was in the hospital as nurse, for a long time," said he, "and assisted in taking off limbs, and dressing all sorts of wounds; but the hardest thing I ever did was to take my thumb off a man's leg."

Miscellaneous.

DISCOVERY OF THE SOURCES OF THE NILE.

The ancient problem which fascinated even Julius Cesar into vain attempts to solve its mystery, has at length yielded before the enterprise and perseverance of the Anglo-Saxon.

HOW SHOULD LITTLE CHILDREN PRAY?

A little boy in Jamaica called on the missionary, and stated that he had lately been very ill, and often wished his minister had been present to pray with him.

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