Family Circle.

SHADOWS.

When the children are hushed in the nurser And the swallow sleeps in the caves, And the night-wind is murmuring secrets Apart to the listening leaves; n I open the inner chamber That was closed from the dust of day, And gently undraw the curtain Where my holiest treasures lay.

Sweet spirits that may not slumber; Cool shadows from lights now gone; And the echo of voices sounding, All sounding for me alone.

And, blending among the others, One echo is softer yet; One shadow is cooler, deeper; And my dimming eyes grow wet.

For the image I gaze on longest, Is the image that blessed my youth; The angel that lit my journey
With her lamp of love and truth.
We traveled life's way together A little while side by side; And when I grew faint or weary That light was my strength and guide.

And dearer it grew—how dearer!
Till I watched it wane and fade:
And my angel said, as we parted,
Be patient, be not afraid. And when I am sick and weary
With the heat and the dust of the day, How the sense of her words comes o'er me, Her words e'er she went away.

And I ask for a patient wisdom, As I journey the way alone; Till I tread the golden threshold Of the heaven where she is gone When the children are hushed in the nursery And the swallow sleeps in the eaves, And the night-wind is murmuring secrets Apart to the listening leaves. -From Winter Weavings. ISABELLA LAW.

DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER? AN ENCOURAGING WORD FOR CHRISTAIN MOTHERS.

upon prayer. "Do you really believe, Mrs. H.," inquired the neighbor, "that God answers prayer?" "Most assuredly," was the reply. "I believe God's promises are made in all sincerity." "I have just been reading," she continued, "the early life of Joseph Barker, and I find much in that work to convince me that you are wrong. He states that his mother was very pious; that she habitually prayed with and for him, and that she left no means untried to convince him that the Bible is from God, and to persuade him to adopt it as the guide of his life. You know the result. Here we see him a champion of infidelity, as you would call his disbelief in the Bible, that he had been more careful and not armed for the fight with any antagonist that will meet him in the field; a proof, it seems to me, of the power of reason over the prejudices of education, and an that he never wished the one right evidence that the prayers of his mother were of no avail." "My friend, he may be converted yet; indeed, I think he

That lady never saw Joseph Barker; spoke of him; for a strangely sweet assurance that he would one day honor with emotion and fill her eyes with tears. Months, and even years passed by, and these circumstances and feelings were forgotten. It may be imagined, then, with what a burst of joy she lately saw the announcement of this man's conversion; and how, like Paul, he now labors to disseminate the doctrines he was once so impatient to destroy. Yes, Christian mother! God does answer

CONCEALING AND TELLING.

BY MRS. PHŒBE H. PHELPS.

"I find that our large Webster's Dictionary is torn," said the teacher, and he opened the book and showed one of the leaves torn from the top downwards nearly to the centre of the leaf. "Who tore it? I have no idea that The teacher saw Robert whispering, any one tore it on purpose, but I wish the person who was so careless or so unfortunate as to tear it, would have the openness or courage to confess it."

Some of the children looked serious. some curious, but no one spoke.

"Does any one know how this was torn?" inquired the teacher, again showing the torn leaf.

Still no answer; and the boys who sat near Robert Mills noticed that he trembled and turned pale when the teacher first showed the leaf, that he did not lift his eyes to look at it a second time, and that he neither looked with seriousness at the teacher nor with curi- Robert is 'disorderly' I am so too; I osity around the school-room, as most of spoke to him first.' the other scholars did, but turned his book nervously, and then bent closely over it, though he did not appear to be

pitied him very much, as he seemed un-comfortable, and wished he would look he carried no burden; there was nothing own principles, and so be developed in providential escape, and frequent alluup and confess that he had torn it, with to drag him down, no guilt, nor shame. honesty and courage.

studying much.

But poor Robert sat in silent misery. "Why don't he tell?" thought Lewis. won't even scold him: He'll only charge him to be more careful in the future.

Why don't he tell?"

to secrecy, concealment. He was naturally shy, silent and timid.

Oh, how foolish in him not to tell, and have the whole matter ended at once, and for all!

Nobody would then have thought the worse of him. They felt sure from his time. appearance that he tore the book, and thought it mean and cowardly in him not to own it, but to let suspicion rest on any one among them upon whom it it. I'm far more sorry, though, that might happen to fall; they thought it you've lost yours. The teacher don't very cowardly, since no punishment, and often mark 'disorderly' for whispering, probably little blame would follow the and I'm in hopes he'll excuse you. I'm

As Robert and Lewis were walking nome after school, Lewis said to Robert, "Why, Robert, didn't you tear that

Robert said nothing. He did not like to tell a lie, though he sometimes told one from lack of manliness to tell

"Why, I knew you tore the dictionary," continued Lewis, "just as well as if you'd owned it, and so did the other boys; I heard them say so."

"You didn't know any such thing,"

answered Robert.

"We knew it from your look and manner, Robert. And I'm sure I'd have told of it if I'd been you. It's so much better to tell a thing right out."
"If I'd only done it," said Robert, beginning to lie.
"But you know you did do it, and

you ought to have owned it, so that the master may not blame the wrong one.' "I don't know any such thing; and I ought not to own what I didn't do,"

said Robert, growing more false. "Oh, Robert!" exclaimed Lewis, and A few years since a Christian woman then added, "we had better not say called at the house of a neighbor. It any more about it now;" for he perhappened that the conversation turned ceived that he was doing Robert no good; he was only leading him further into

So the boys walked the rest of the way in silence, Robert wretched enough. He was full of sorrow and guilt and shame. He had torn the dictionary by accident while hastily turning the leaves in search of a word, and had felt very unhappy on account of it ever since Had he gone to the teacher at once, and told him of the fact, it would soon have ceased to trouble him. But he thought no one had seen him tear the book; no one but himself would ever know he tore it, and what need was there that he should tell it?

So he carried his secret in his own breast, and it was very heavy there, and very wearying, and he grew very tired of it. He wished, oh, how he wished torn the dictionary! He wished he had never gone near it to look out a word, he wished there had been no dictionary in the school; but what is strange, is, thing, namely, that he had gone to the teacher and confessed what he had done, at once.

He had said to himself, at first, that no one would know that he had done it, and yet he was constantly afraid it would yet after that she often thought and be found out. Whenever a scholar consulted the dictionary, he felt an undefined terror; whenever the teacher Christ with his lips and glorify him in be convicted. Whenever he spoke to his life would frequently swell her bosom | the teacher, or went near him, he had a painful feeling, as if he had wronged him. When, at last, the accident was discovered, and the teacher inquired its author, his misery was extreme, and he could not conceal it from the boys near

him. The teacher perceived it also, though he said nothing.

He went home, ready to sink with such a weight of misfortune and meanness and sin and shame. But he tried to carry it, to struggle along with it, to wear it off, to forget it, to make others forget it. In vain. Sin never grows less by being concealed, and it cannot be forgotten. There is but one remedy, one cure for it, the blood of the pitying,

merciful Saviour. There was a rule in the school where Robert and Lewis went, forbidding whispering during study hours. Not yery long after the matter of the dictionary, Lewis broke the rule. He whispered to Robert, and Robert answered. though he had not seen Lewis. He

spoke to Robert. "You were whispering, Robert. I must mark you as 'disorderly'!"

Robert was going to excuse himself. "Not a word, Robert. I saw you whispering, myself. You were speaking without permission, and there can be no excuse.'

Robert hung his head in silence and sorrow, for those who were marked "disorderly," had no chance for a cer-

Lewis turned to the teacher. "If

"Then I will mark you 'disorderly." also," said the teacher.

The scholars looked up from their books, their countenances expressing Lewis Storrs sat next him, and he felt | their admiration of Lewis. Lewis turned

> Robert, as usual, Robert said to him: you.

"But who would have known it?" own good opinion. I feel the worst nal, and beautiful soul. when I despise myself. I hate to feel This kind of nurtur that I have been mean or base, or in any way false. I'd rather be flogged at any

"You have lost your certificate by telling.'

"I'm sorry for that, but I can bear going to ask him to do so, as soon as I have a good chance."

said. A good chance offered and he ap-pealed to the teacher in behalf of Rob-their natural instincts. They cannot be ert. He obtained the erasure of his left to merely blossom into character; mark of disgrace. Not a word, however, or, if they are, it will most assuredly did he say for himself; perhaps his un- be any sort of character but that which selfishness was the main influence which moved the teacher to grant his request.

their way from school. "The master has taken off your disorderly mark, Robert," said Lewis.

"Did you ask him to?" "Yes.

"Did he take off yours, too?" "I didn't say anything to him about How unnatural and monstrous, there-mine. I didn't care so much about that fore, is that scheme of nurture which

as about yours.' "How kind and noble you are, Lewis. teacher about it?"

"There was nothing to make me afraid." "I wish I was as brave as you are,

"You can be."

"How?" "By always trying to do what is right, and when you've done wrong, confessing it at once and doing better. It's the that makes a boy brave. A fellow ain't much afraid of anything, when he keeps a clean breast.''

Robert was silent. He was in thought. Lewis suspected that he was thinking of the dictionary matter.

"What now, Robert," he said; "what troubles you?' "I did tear that dictionary, Lewis."

"Well, I'm glad that you own it." "I've always been sorry that I denied it to you."

"I've been sorry, too, but I'm glad you own it now." "I've wished a great many times that I'd never seen that dictionary."

"The dictionary was not in fault. The trouble was in yourself, and the dictionary merely brought it to light."
"What can I do, Lewis? I've been so unhappy about that book that I havn't

known what to do." "Why don't you tell the teacher all

about it, clear up the matter and end it? I would.' "I'm afraid I can't."

better."

"I wish you would do it for me." "It would be much the best way for you to confess your fault yourself." "Will you go to the teacher with me, then?"

"Yes; that I'll do, willingly." When the time had come for Robert to go to the teacher, his courage failed him, and he wanted to wait till another time. But Lewis urged him to go then; and, taking him by the arm, went with him to the teacher's desk. At this, Robert was too embarrassed to speak. Lewis opened the way for him.

"Robert wishes to speak with you,"

he said to the teacher. The teacher listened, and Robert told all; told of the accident; his concealment of it, and his falsehood; "made a clean breast," as Lewis expressed it. reply. He told also how Lewis had brought him to make this confession. What a relief to Robert! He was like another boy.

"I am glad you have confessed your fault," said the teacher. "You would have saved yourself great suffering had you done it sooner. 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.' And thank God that you have so faithful a friend as Lewis. Cherish his friendship." Turning to Lewis, he added: "I admire your courage and open-heartedness, Lewis. 'He that rebuketh a man, afterward shall find more favor than he who flattereth with the tongue." "-National Guard.

THE OSTRIOH NURTURE.

It is just now beginning to be asserted by some, that the true principle of traintificate of merit at the end of the school ing for children is exactly that of the ostrich, viz: no training at all; the best government, no government. All endeavors to fashion them by the parental standards, or to induct them into the belief of their parents, is alleged to be a real oppression put upon their natural liberty. It is nothing less, it is said, than an effort to fill them with prejudices, and put them under the sway of sure from Robert's look and manner to his, satisfied with his confession; it prejudices, all their lives long. Why of shavings which fortunately stood bethat it was he who tore the book. He was just and manly. He studied on, as not let the child have his own way, the beauty and freedom of the flowers? sions were made to it during the day. While going home from school with obert, as usual, Robert said to him: "Why, what made you tell, Lewis? practices, as flowers do not, let him voice was heard in prayer. In tones The master won't punish him. He You needn't have told that you were learn how to correct himself, and be full of faith and love, the little fellow. whispering. I shouldn't have told of righted by his own discoveries. Hav- poured out his heartfelt petition-"Oh! ing thus no artificial conscience formed God, please keep that cellar door shut. "Do you suppose I would be so mean to hamper his natural freedom, no reli- but if you cant't do that, won't you al-And surely why didn't Robert tell? as to sit and playsinnocent, when I was gious scruples and superstitions inculca- ways keep a basket of shayings there?"

Because he was not an open-hearted, more guilty than you—when I had led ted to be a detention, or limitation, upon courageous, brave boy. He was given you into trouble?" ine character, stunted by no cant or af-"I should: and I like to have my fectation; a large-hearted, liberal, origi-

> This kind of nurture supposes, evidently, a faith in human nature that is total and complete. As the mother ostrich might be supposed to reason, that her eggs are ostrich's eggs, and must therefore produce genuine ostriches and nothing else, so it assumes that human children will grow up, left to themselves, into the most genuine, highest style of human character. Whereas, it is the misery of human children that, as free beings, answerable for their choices and their character, and already touched The very next day Lewis did as he with evil, they require some training, parental love would desire. What they most especially want is, what no ostrich Again the boys had a private talk on or mere animal nurture can give; to be pre-occupied with holy principles and laws; to have prejudices instilled that are holy prejudices; and so to be tempered beforehand by moderating and guiding influences, such as their perilous freedom and hereditary damage require.

> requires it of parents to pass nothing, or as little as possible, to their children. But how did you dare to speak to the If they have learned wisdom, they are not to inculcate that wisdom, lest it should create a prejudice! If they have found their conscience and the principles of virtue, to be their truest friends and the best guardians of their life, they are not to hamper their children by subjecting them to the same!
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> If they have found the principal joys that freshen life, in God and the faith of his Son, they are still to let their chilopen, out-and-out way of doing things dren find their own sources of strength and joy for themselves, and not to train them, or indoctrinate them in such ways of blessing, lest perchance they be not sufficiently original and free in their development! Why, if they were to discover mines and hide the discovery forever, or acquire immense treasures of property appointing them by their will to be sunk in the sea, leaving their children in utter destitution, they would not be as false to their office of parentage! God has given it to them, as rawhat is valuable above every thing else,

THE DYING LITTLE PREACHER.

their principles and their piety?—Dr.

A tract vistor in the city of New York induced two little boys who were playing in the street one Sabbath day, to go with her to the Sunday School. After a short time the younger brother became "Of course you can. Make up your sick. He had been a very attentive mind to the thing, and do it. Do it scholar, and now as he lay upon his sick been taught, he repented of his sins and believed on Christ the blessed Saviour.

As soon as God had changed the heart of this dear boy, he was very anxious that his parents might become good people. Seeing that his mother was very much pleased with a new carpet and some other pretty things she had

been buying, he said: "My dear mother, what good will all these things do you, if you die and are

lost forever?" The day on which he died was the Sabbath. The little boy asked to see his father, and was told his father had gone to take a pleasure ride. Soon after this the father returned. The child called him to his bedside and asked him: "Will you promise me one thing, father?" "Perhaps I will," was the

Looking steadily into the face of his conscience-stricken parent, the boy said: "This is the holy Sabbath. Will you promise me, my dear father, you will not any more ride out for pleasure on

the Sabbath day?" The father hesitated to give an answer.

The child, hardly able any more to speak, whispered: "I am dying, but I cannot die until

you promise me.' It was enough. The father could no longer refuse. He gave the desired promise, and with a smile upon his face, the dying little preacher breathed his

The promise thus given was kept. A pew was hired in a neighboring church. The parents, once so careless, became serious church-going people. There is reason to believe the words of their sainted boy will not only induce them to keep the Sabbath, but to give their hearts to Christ, and will lead them and their other children to heaven .- Christian Intelligencer. '

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