

Family Circle.

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOM THOU CHASTENESTH.

The following beautiful lines are by Sir Robert Grant, late Governor-General of India: O Saviour! whose mercy, severe in its kindness, Has chastened my wanderings and guided my way...

THE OLD HOUSE FAR AWAY.

The wild birds warble, the silvery rills Sing cheerily round the spot, And the peaceful shade of the purple hills Falls dim on my mother's cot...

THE YOUNG BAVARIAN.

Bavaria is a beautiful part of Germany. In some of its districts there are high Alpine peaks, and lakes and glaciers; in others there are wide moors of moss and lichen; and in others still are great forests, and meadow valleys that are fifty miles long...

SELECTIONS.

BENSON.

A SOLDIER'S STORY.

The battle was over and the day was lost. The fight had been terrible. The dead and wounded lay thick on the field. Shots were still flying, and shells screaming and bursting through our retreating ranks...

ruption? Will he go back? Is not virtue better than vice? purity than villainy? love than lust? worship than blasphemy? Can he go back? He can. Such is man's weakness, madness; such is the power of evil. Pray God he may not go back!

life, are such as cannot be bought with silver or gold; and they are freely given to the rich and poor, without any difference—yes, and more than they want—and are taken as matters of course without any praise or thanks to the Giver. Come, now I have shown you that you don't pay for the things that you couldn't do without, and I could tell you of many more—can't you find it in your heart to give something to give poor sinners, young and old, a knowledge of the better blessings of salvation through Jesus Christ?

NOVEL READING AND INSANITY.

Dr. Ray, of the Butler Insane Asylum, Providence, Rhode Island, in noticing some of the prominent causes of the increase of insanity in our day, lays stress on the light reading of the age. It fails to develop the mental health and strength needed to endure the trials of life, and by cultivating a morbid frame of mind, makes it more susceptible to certain forms of insanity. He says: Generally speaking, there can be no question that excessive indulgence in novel reading necessarily enervates the mind and diminishes the power of endurance...