

The Family Circle.

THE BREEZE IN THE CHURCH.

This beautiful little poem is from a volume recently published in England by Mrs. Hinkman, entitled Poems:
'T was a sunny day, and the morning psalm...

MARY GLEASON'S FAITH.

"Look here, Mary; I wouldn't gather the beans now. Let them hang and ripen if they will; for if we don't have rain soon, there'll certainly be a famine..."

Father's way to take me from this life. He gazed at her a moment with admiration. Her glowing faith seemed to have fanned to light his own faint taper...

HOME-USEFULNESS.

Calisthenics for young girls are good, but the active services they stimulate, are better. There has been a necessity for an artificial substitute, as medicine is necessary in sickness...

tors stretch and exercise their inactive muscles. They lie for hours to have their feet twiggled, their arms flexed, and all the different muscles of the body worked for them...

A HARD BED.

Early one sharp, frosty morning, the other day, a man going early to his work, saw something lying beside a pile of boards which made him suddenly stop. He thought he saw two heads. Sure enough, they were two little heads on some leaves and straw...

The man took the poor little girl in his arms, for she was stiff with cold, and carried them both to his own warm kitchen, where his wife gave them a plenty of good breakfast.

A VERSE OPENED.

There are delightful moments in almost every Christian's life, when passages of Scripture unfold themselves suddenly with singular beauty and power. New depths are discovered in them never seen before...

For the Little Folks.

FAMILIAR TALKS WITH THE CHILDREN. VII.

BY REV. EDWARD PAYSON HAMMOND.

CHILDREN'S TEARS.

"I DID NOT SEE ANYTHING TO CRY ABOUT." These are the words of a young Sabbath-school scholar, who had not found out what a dreadful thing it is to sin against God and reject his dear Son...

APRIL, 1864.

I have found the dear Saviour and trust and believe in him now. The first Sabbath you preached here, I went to hear you out of mere curiosity, and when you said there would be an inquiry-meeting after the other meeting, I wondered what kind of a meeting that was...

"I STILL CLING CLOSER TO JESUS." When children of early years give themselves to the dear Saviour, they are more apt to live devoted and useful lives than if they wait till Satan has more power over them.

NOVEMBER 5th, 1864.

I still keep my hope in Jesus, I sometimes have doubts and fears, but I banish them all away and cling still closer to Jesus. I have joined the church, and feel it a great privilege to be numbered among the children of God...

"IT WAS JUST BECAUSE I SAW A TEAR IN MY MOTHER'S EYE." If that was all that made this little child weep I don't wonder she found out she was deceived when she became a Christian.

In 1st John 1, 7, it is written, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanse us from all sin." If this little child really confessed her sins and asked God for a new heart, then I know he gave her one, for in the ninth verse of this same chapter in John it says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The first day that I went to the children's meeting, I was late and did not hear anything that you said. The next day I went with two of my companions, and played all the time. The next day when you asked those that had found the Saviour to sing "I love Jesus," I saw that my mother had a tear in her eye, because I could not get up and sing it. I then resolved to give myself to Jesus, that dear Jesus, and I thought that I did, but it was all deception. It was just because I saw a tear in my mother's eye. But I asked God to take my wicked heart away and give me a clean heart, and he has done so. I hope that you will pray for me, so that I may be strengthened. I think that it seems very strange to me that every one does not love the dear Jesus who died to save us on the cross. I have some trouble, but I ask God to forgive me, and I trust that he has. From your little friend.

washed her tears away and has given her a new, singing heart. You see she speaks about that wicked being the devil, who, the Bible says, in 1st Peter v. 8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour whom resist steadfast in the faith."

I think that I have found the dear Jesus. I find him so precious to my soul, I do not see how I could have rejected him so long. I think that I can sing with the rest of those who have found Jesus, "Jesus is mine." The first time that I came to these meetings I cried. But now I feel like singing all the time. The devil did not like it when I found the dear Jesus. This morning I am afraid he was a trying to tempt me, but I went into my room and prayed that Jesus would help me to resist him, and I think he did. I told the devil that he could go away to somebody else and tempt them—then I did not want him to tempt me, and that he should not. I went to inquiry-meeting this morning, and we had a very nice prayer-meeting in the library-room. Mr. Hammond will please pray for two very dear friends who are yet without Jesus? May they shed tears when they hear the melting story of the lamb. Will you please pray for me, that I may continue on in his good work? and please pray for my father and mother, sister, brother, and those two dear friends who are without Jesus? Pray for your friend, just thirteen years old.

That you may the better remember this little girl's letter, I have written for you some of her thoughts in verse. "I FEEL LIKE SINGING ALL THE TIME."

I feel like singing all the time; My tears are wiped away; For Jesus is a friend of mine, I'll serve him every day. When on the cross my Lord I saw Nailed there by sin of mine, East fell the burning tears, but now I am singing all the time. When fierce temptations try my heart I'll sing "Jesus is mine." And so, though tears at times may start, I'm singing all the time. Ah! happy little singing one, What music is like thine? With Jesus as thy life and sun, Go singing all the time.

Religious Intelligence.

REFORMED DUTCH. THE WORK ABROAD.—Rev. Mr. Brown, of the mission of the Reformed Dutch Church in Japan, under date of January 14, writes:—Our week of prayer is past, and I hope there was something of the spirit of prayer in the hearts of Christians for the little flock here. I believe that week of prayer did us all good, and that it served to unite our hearts more perfectly in the bonds of Christ's love. On the first day of the year we received to our communion a seaman, (carpenter,) belonging to the English flag ship Bunsuius. This man has been some five months a converted person, and is intelligent and zealous for Christ. Since then, a daily-meeting has been commenced on that ship, in the lower hold, on the water-tanks. There are now two of our church members on that ship. There are three others who seem to be in earnest about their salvation. They, with the two men first spoken of, have commenced the prayer-meeting. One of the two men came in this evening to tell me what they were doing, and had been out buying some mats to lay on the cold iron tanks when they met to pray. When men will go to such a place of their own accord, where they cannot stand erect, in the hold of a ship, to pray and read God's Word, and sing his praises, they are apt to be in earnest.

GERMAN REFORMED. ACCESSIONS.—Among the Pennsylvania reports, we notice the following recent reports to the committee, most of them confirmations of persons baptized in child baptism, Cherry Church, Sullivan and Bradford Counties, 17; Keely's Church, Montgomery County, 18; Limerick, Montgomery County, 31; Codorus Church, York County, 21.

WANT OF MINISTERS.—This we learn by the Messenger, is now very great in the German Reformed Church—so great as to threaten serious embarrassment. The Messenger invokes the earnest attention to the subject, of the Classes about to hold their annual meetings, and urges that every congregation in the communion should be appealed to for young men who will consecrate themselves to the service.

HOME MISSION OF THE G. R. CHURCH.—The contributions to this cause have considerably increased, the help of the Board has increased within two years from twenty-six to forty-two.

EPISCOPAL. THE NEW DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK.—Bishop A. C. Cox; (left by the decease of Bishop DeLancey, sole administrator of the Diocese,) is, in his present eminent position, retaining and even making advance upon the popularity which he enjoyed as a Presbyter. The Commercial Advertiser, of Oswego, in a notice of his late official visit to that city, says:—"The bishop preached without notes, in a most fervent, earnest manner, securing the rapt attention of all. His address to the candidates was most affectionate and impressive. Apart from his eminent gifts as a faithful scriptural preacher, he attracts many to his services, from his high reputation as a poet, and more from his devoted loyalty and devotion to his country while in Baltimore. It was in testimony to this latter fact, that one of the vestry introduced the American flag into the Sunday-school room, and the children sang 'America' and 'Victory at last.'"

THE VIRGINIA CLERGY TO PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT.—Bishop Johns, of the Diocese of Virginia, has finally relieved his clergy of their embarrassment with the Union authorities, by giving them his Episcopal recommendation to use the prayer for the President of the United States. In his letter to the clergy and laity, he says:—"The issue of the painful conflict through which we have passed, and which leaves the Commonwealth under the jurisdiction of the United States, renders very clear the course to be pursued, obedient to 'the powers that be,' for conscience sake, 'the duty of all who profess and call themselves Christians. And as such are enjoined to make prayer and supplication for their rulers, it is incumbent upon them to implore the blessing of Almighty God on those in authority over them. For this purpose,

the prayer to which we had been long accustomed is, for obvious reasons, most advisable. Therefore, I do not hesitate to recommend its use in public worship, by the good people of this Diocese, and to express the hope that they will be true and faithful to its spirit, in all their action and intercourse with their fellow-citizens; that the resumed civil relations may be happily maintained, and redound to the glory of God and the temporal and spiritual welfare of the nation."

This, considering the bishop's unequivocal sympathy with the rebellion, is certainly putting the case very well.

IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE ACCOMPLISHED.—Some seven years since three brethren of the Spruce Street Church in this city, engaged Rev. J. G. Binney, D.D., President of Columbia College near Washington, to go to the East and establish an institution for the training of a native Karen ministry. Dr. Binney proceeded to Rangoon, organized a school for such instruction at Kemmaidine, and, after a successful course of labor, has now returned to this country.

CORRY, PENNSYLVANIA.—This town is one of the almost magical growths of internal communication. It is situated on the recently opened Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, at the point from which the Oil Creek Railroad branches out. There amongst stumps and bushes is a town of some five thousand inhabitants, with a prospective number indefinite. The Baptists have erected a chapel which, with the exception of a Popish mass-house, is the first church edifice in the place. It was dedicated on the 26th ult., and the church, under the pastorate of Rev. A. D. Bush, is happily under way.

COLORADO.—Rev. Almond Barrele writes to the National Baptist from Central City:—"At present I am the only Baptist minister in a territory of over one hundred thousand square miles, alive with a thrifty mining population. The territory is immensely rich in gold, but all the miners with few exceptions are poor. The mines of Colorado are worked by capitalists in the East. These companies take the gold." Mr. Barrele further complains that the Baptists are a year behind all other denominations in the occupation of Colorado, and makes an earnest appeal for books and tracts, particularly denominational literature, such as "presents the gospel in its purity."

PHILADELPHIA.—The Spring Garden Baptist Church is about to receive a pastor, in the person of Mr. Lewis P. Hornberger, now a member of the senior class of Hamilton Theological Seminary. We notice with regret the resignation of an esteemed city pastor, Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, of the Eleventh Baptist Church. His pastorate there has been one of considerable success.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.—To the church in this place there have been, during the last four months, thirty-two additions, eighteen of which were from the Sabbath-school.

METHODIST. WILBRAHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, ACADEMY.—This is an institution of the M. E. Church, and has recently enjoyed a spiritual refreshing, as the result of which twenty-two were received into the church on the 7th inst.

PROOFS OF DISLOYALTY.—It is reported that the Black River Conference, at its recent session, tried one of its members for disloyalty, and the committee charged with the duty reported that the suspicion against him arose from the fact that he was not naturalized, and that he took the paper called the World. The Conference evidently held that a good Christian should not read the World, as well as the flesh and the devil.—Advocate and Journalist.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Rev. T. W. Lewis, under date of Charleston, April 23th, writes to the Mission Rooms of the M. E. Church:—"In the four Methodist Churches I supply nine preaching appointments, filling three myself on the Sabbath. We have now four Sabbath-schools in active operation; two of them have been organized since I came here, and all are prospering. On Sabbath nights the altars are usually crowded with seekers, and we have held a morning prayer meeting daily for the last two weeks with good success; several profess conversion. I held the first quarterly conference for Old Bethel, Zion, and Spring Street, on the first Friday in the month. I have recently organized these three into Methodist Episcopal Churches."

CANADA.—SYMPATHY OF THE METHODISTS.—The Conference of the M. E. Church of Canada was in session at Stratford, when the news of the assassination of President Lincoln was received. A solemn public service was ordered, which, by invitation of the authorities, took place at the Town Hall, the Conference walking there from the church in procession with raised hats. There they were joined by a large concourse of citizens. Addresses were delivered by Bishop Smith, who presided, and several other of the clergy. While prayer was being offered to God in behalf of the people of the United States, the safety of President Lincoln, the recovery of Hon. W. H. Seward and son, for the widows and fatherless of the neighboring country, as also for the arrest of the desperate assassins, many a hearty amen was uttered by the people. The Conference further appointed a special Committee "to prepare an address of condolence to the people of the United States in this day of their national affliction."

ENOUGH OF THE "CHURCH SOUTH."—We see it stated that, on a recent Sabbath, in the State Street M. E. Church, Mobile, where a vast audience had gathered to hear Rev. Mr. Conway, the question was proposed—"Do you desire to continue your relationship with the M. E. Church South, or to seek a union with the M. E. Church?" The call was made to express a continuing rising. Not one readily continuing with the Southern relation but as nearly as could be seen, the entire membership called for the restoration of the old national relation.

REVIVAL EFFORTS IN LONDON.—We find the following paragraph at the conclusion of a report of the proceedings of the N. W. Branch of the London Y. M. C. A., April 29:—"Every Sabbath afternoon we are called to rejoice over fresh trophies of the Lord's grace, and frequently at the Wednesday evening meeting it is our joy to raise 'Glory, honor' over young men 'passed from death unto life.' The open-air work has commenced in right earnest; with most encouraging results. Lisson-grove was visited on Lord's day last, and twelve open-air meetings were held. In the evening over fifty young men started on this mission, and the need for such services was soon demonstrated by large groups of laboring men at the corners of the streets and apparently whole families at the windows of the houses. We have reason to believe these services were useful to souls.

FOREIGN. We also clip from The Revival the following testimony respecting the work wrought in East London, where there has lately been a great increase of tract distributions, mission halls, open-air services, and other religious meetings. "An elderly Christian who had known 'Spitalfields in its glory,' said that if the story of the reforms in the East of London were told, it would be found to be miraculous. How great is the change! Thieves, vagabonds, drunkards, blasphemers, scoffers, and infidels have become converted and are preaching the gospel. Jews, too, and men of other nations have confessed Christ before the world."