

The Family Circle.

FLOWERS.

The flowers! the lovely flowers! They are springing forth again, Are opening their gentle eyes...

THE OLD MAN ENTERTAINED.

The day was bitter cold; piercing winds rushed furiously, the surface of the earth was covered with ice, and the scene was one of cheerless desolation...

The lady held her breath. "Jacob Snow!" she repeated, "Are you the former benefactor of John Towle, my husband's father?"

GRANDMA HAS ONLY MOVED TO HEAVEN.

"Wouldn't you like to see grandma's flowers, auntie?" asked little Nellie, on the afternoon of my arrival at her father's house.

THE FRENCH BOY.

A LITTLE French boy, in one of the Sabbath schools of Paris, was asked by his teacher if there was anything in the Bible about Sabbath schools.

A REASON FOR GOING TO CHURCH.

My desire is to give you one or two good reasons for going to church, which do not depend upon the authenticity of Christianity or upon the sacredness of the Christian Sabbath at all.

MUSN'T ALWAYS TAKE PEOPLE AT THEIR WORD.

"Oh, that I were dead!" cried the bullfinch. "I don't wonder at it," said the cat, sitting with her eyes fixed on the cage.

NEARNESS OF DEATH.

When we walk near powerful machinery, we know that one single mistake, and those mighty engines would tear us to ribbons with their flying wheels, or grind us to powder in their ponderous jaws.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

Endearments bind together the members of the household—shares of the same flesh and blood, which are found of the same kind and to the same degree nowhere else on earth.

God be acknowledged, if not here? Shall not the voice of gratitude and praise ascend from that board? spread with plenty, and around an altar reared for the morning and the evening's sacrifice of humble and grateful hearts?

For the Little Folks.

FAMILIAR TALKS WITH THE CHILDREN. VIII.

BY REV. EDWARD PAYSON HAMMOND.

DO YOU LOVE JESUS?

Julia says, "these words kept ringing in my ears." She knew well enough that she ought to love Him, and so, when she thought about Him, her conscience troubled her.

Julia says that when she was asked if she would give her heart to Jesus, "I resolved then and there to give my heart to the Saviour."

APRIL 15, 1864.

DEAR MR. H.—I went to your first children's meeting that you held in the afternoon, and sat down in the back seat. I remained in the inquiry-meeting, not because I was interested, but because another girl wanted me, to quote a number spoke to me, and among others, you asked me, "If I loved Jesus," I told you "I did not."

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"In my hands no price I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling. Thou must save, and thou alone."

JESUS PAID IT ALL.

Nothing either great or small Remains for me to do. Jesus died and paid it all,— All the debt I owe.

When he from his lofty throne Stoop'd to do and die, Every thing was fully done, "Tis finished," was his cry.

By a simple faith.

"Doing" is a deadly thing, "Doing" ends in death.

Religious Intelligence.

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THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI.

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STILL ANOTHER BEREAVEMENT.

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CONGREGATIONAL.

NEW ENTERPRISE.—A Congregational Church has recently been organized at Saratoga Springs, and on the 2d inst. it was put into working order by the installation of Rev. E. N. Sawtell, as its Pastor. It gives promise of being an energetic church.

REV. CHARLES BEECHER.—Our readers have heard something of the dissensions in the Congregational Church, in Georgetown, Mass., resulting from the call of Mr. Beecher to the pastorate, the refusal of an Ecclesiastical Council to install him, on account of doctrinal unsoundness, and the agitation in the church whether to submit to the decision of the Council, or settle him independent.

CALIFORNIA.

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FOREIGN.

GERMANY.—The following items relate to the Baptist churches in Germany. In three, during the last year, upwards of fifty were added to the church by baptism—a prosperity unequalled in any former year of its history.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GREAT REVIVAL IN NORWICH, CONN.—It is a fact, since the days of the great revival, that there has been a greater awakening in any locality than has recently occurred at Norwich. Commencing with the Baptists, it extended to the 2d Congregational Church, of which Mr. Dana is the pastor, and thence to Mr. Gulliver's and other churches in the city and vicinity.

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS.

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Total

Total \$1,693,887

ITEMS.

Rev. Professors R. J. Breckenridge and E. P. Humphrey, have each been granted twelve months absence from their duties in Danville Theological Seminary, to recover from the exhausting effects of long continued service. The Board is to provide for instruction in their departments.—The half-Century Anniversary of the Sabbath School of New York (Phila.), Presbyterian Church, was celebrated on Sabbath, the 7th inst. Since its organization it has become the parent stock of several other prosperous schools. It now, by itself, numbers 425 scholars and 45 teachers.—The Rev. Dr. Goodell, the veteran missionary at Constantinople, by reason of the infirmities of age, feels compelled to abandon his work, to return to his native land and live and die with his children. He left the United States for his missionary field in 1822.—A new Protestant church has been erected in Naples, and set apart for public worship by the Bishop of Gibraltar.—Baron Bissolati has declared himself in favor of a church reformation in Italy, by which the Italian church shall elect her own bishops, without any reference to the Holy See. The Bishop of Malta has prohibited marriages between Roman Catholics and Protestants until the latter have for six months abjured their religion. The report comes that the bishop of Gibraltar has returned the compliment by forbidding mixed marriages until the Roman Catholic has been six months a Protestant.—We are pained to learn that Bishop Whipple, the good working Bishop of Minnesota, when last heard from, was lying very low at Jerusalem, with the Syrian fever, with the chances against his recovery.—Instruction is about to be resumed in the Richmond College. During the insurrection, its building was used as a hospital for Louisiana rebel soldiers.—A committee of ladies in this city are making an effort to give the children of Saint Anne's, Illinois, whose parents have recently left the Catholic Church, the benefit of a Protestant education. The services of one female teacher have already been secured.—John G. James, who died recently at Doylestown, Pa., has left all his property, valued at \$50,000, to the Sunday School Union, with the exception of a small house bequeathed to a woman who nursed him while sick.