

The Family Circle.

FAITH AND SIGHT IN THE LATTER DAYS.

Thou sayst, 'Take up thy cross, O Man! and follow Me: The night is black, the feet are slack, Yet we would follow Thee...

JESSICA'S FIRST PRAYER.

The barefooted and bareheaded child might be seen, every Sunday evening, advancing confidently up to the chapel, where rich and fashionable people worshipped God...

figure and wan face gliding on before him, and turning round from time to time to see if he were following! It was only fancy, and he laughed a little at himself; but the laugh was husky, and there was a choking sensation in his throat...

ped the poor deserted Jessica in his coat, and bearing her tenderly in his arms down the ladder, he carried her to a cab, which the neighbor brought to the entrance of the court...

happy day was spent in helping to sweep and dust the chapel, into which she had crept so secretly at first, her great delight being to attend to the pulpit and the vestry...

EVILS OF GOSSIP. I have known a country society which withered away all to nothing under the dry rot of gossip only. Friendship once as firm as granite, dissolved to jelly...