

The Family Circle.

THE AGED BELIEVER.

I'm kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint and sore; Waiting for the dawning, for the opening of the door; Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come To the glory of His presence, to the gladness of His home.

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION.

BY MRS. M. L. RAYNE.

Mr. Winter, a prosperous merchant in Water street, advertised for a boy to tend store, and on the morning after his notice appeared in the evening papers, found a smart-looking boy standing on the steps of the store, waiting for him.

I'll show you how to make yourself comfortable." The next day a little fair-haired girl came into the store, bought some trifling thing, and left a small, silver portmanteau, filled with change, lying on the counter.

be excused, and the signs of poverty expected. It was remarkable by their absence; and the key to this material difference lay in the moral difference between him and his neighbors.

no longer; and when we went out into the blessed sunlight of that Sabbath afternoon we thanked God that it was the 19th century still, and not the 15th, in spite of the efforts of Trinity Churchmen to roll the ages backward.

crucified.' I have constantly been grieved by the absence of those truths which lead sinners into the way of life, and nourish God's people in spiritual stature and strength.

CHRISTIAN COURTESY.

Every man has his faults, his failings, his peculiarities. Every one of us finds himself crossed by such failings of others from hour to hour; and if he were to resent them all, or even notice all, life would be intolerable.

THE CHAMELEON AND PORCUPINE—A FABLE.

A chameleon once met a porcupine, and complained that he had taken great pains to make friends with everybody, but, strange to say, he had entirely failed, and could not now be sure that he had a friend in the world.

SAVED BY FAITH.

Arminian advice to awakened persons is now so common that intelligent Christians need to press more earnestly than ever the absolute dependence of the sinner on the Holy Spirit for right feelings or true progress.

NEED OF RETIREMENT.

Christians now-a-days live too much in public. They neglect the closet for social religious duties, and lose in depth and strength of Christian character. Rev. J. C. Ryle gives a needed admonition:

AN EDITOR AT TRINITY, N. Y.

The editor of the Cincinnati Christian Herald, New School Presbyterian, on his recent trip east made a visit to the famous Trinity Church one Sunday afternoon, and gives the following account of his impressions:

MILTON AND OWEN.

John Milton and John Owen were both Christians—both devout, both unceremonial, both advocating a wide liberty of conscience, both averse to prelaty and to all Presbyterian dominion, both entertaining in general the same views of government, political and ecclesiastical, yet how unlike in many other respects!

H. W. BECKER.

The following just and discriminating criticism upon the published sermons and lectures of the preacher of Plymouth church, we find in the correspondence of the last Watchman and Reflector.

THE OLD ORGANIST.

Christian character is one of the best safeguards against poverty, and always helps to make even poverty respectable and comfortable. Dr. Guthrie gives a striking illustration of this in a sketch of his pastoral visits.