CHRISTIAN 6 MESSENGER. MAY 9, 1883. in figure, seemingly about forty-five in Lamily Reading. 'I have been looking forward a great you may rally considerably. The stronger than they had in beginning age, with silver hairs glistening in the deal of late,' she said in tremulous tones. | calmer you can keep yourself-the less Bemperance. their own lives-a tendency which, dark coils which crowned her head, and * Ever since your last visit especially, I you are excited-the more you can The Little Bird. with a father's example and the prewhich were in their turn crowned by have wished to speak to you about the avoid all this looking forward and plan-Total Abstinence and Common a light lace cap; she had taken her A little bird with feathers brown future-in connection with Kathleen.' ning for the future.' Sense. Sat singing on a treeseat on a low chair beside the fire, 'Just what I cannot do,' she said. 'Yes?' he said. having an open desk near, and a pack-The song was very soft and low, 'She knows nothing of the worst 'I seem to live as much in the future A man of sense and good -feeling But sweet as it could be. et of letters clasped in her hands. The symptoms I have had. .Ought she to as in the present just now-Kathleen's said : ' I know many reasons for avoidtion firelight scarcely managed to hide, even know?' The thought of Joan Breay ing drunkenness, but none for total And all the people passing by future and my husband's. My own is VIII. The highest form of the temporarily, the whiteness of her thin Looked up to see the bird seemed dropping into the background abstinence. I know many reasons for all peace ; but-how can I be glad to go Christian life is self-denial for the good cheeks and blue-veined temples. Her That made the sweetest melody when I shall be so needed here?' not being a glutton, but none for starvfor the moment. of others. Total abstinence, if it be a That ever they had heard. eyes, full of tears, which dropped A sob came with the words, and once ation,' A correspondent says that if "How much does she know?" great sacrifice, should be practiced for slowly one-by one, remained fixed 'Merely what she sees for herself, more he made no answer. 'You do we can show a real fallacy in that state-But all the bright eyes looked in vain. our own sake, for we are in danger. If For birdie was so small, upon the glowing coals. that I am not strong, and that there is not tell me how wrong I am-as some ment, many can be induced to adopt it be not a great sacrifice, what ingenu-And with a modest dark-brown coat, Dr. Ritchie stood for three seconds, a need to spare me fatigue. Ought I people would,' she said. total abstinence. ous mind would refuse to make it to save saying nothing, just outside the rug, He made no show at all. 'No need. It you are wrong, you A part of the proposition can be to speak plainly?" the weak, and to help those who are so Then he stirred slightly, and cleared 'No hurry. Don't shadow her home will know it without my telling you,disposed of at once. To live, a man "Why, papa," little Gracie said, earnestly striving to save them. his throat. but I do not know indeed that you are. must eat ; but to live, it is not necesscoming. "Where can this birdie be? For these reasons we practice and 'Dr. Ritchie !"-and there was a 'No-but soon-do you not think I The feeling is a mother's feeling, unary to drink alcoholic liquors. Thou-If I could sing a song like that, recommend total abstinence. May we I'd sit where folks could see." startled yet graceful movement. ought to be open with her soon?" selfish and natural. I think the gladsands never tasted them ; many have hope that by what we have said some "Don't get up," His hand prevented renounced them and been not a wit 'To what extent?' he asked gravely. ness will come in due time.' "I hope my little girl will learn will be helped to persuade others; and her when she would have risen. 'How Mrs. Joliffe elasped her hands tothe worse, but rather the better. When 'Thank you,' was all she said, and A lesson from that bird, that if any read these reasons who do are you to day? Not very well. I am gether, as they lay on her knee, with presently he made a movement. 'You Sydney Smith quit drinking wine he And try to do what good she can, use these seducing drinks, though, as am told. an unconscious gesture. 'It cannot be Not to be seen or heard. wrote to a friend that he felt much are very good to give me so much of they think, but sparingly, they will see long,' she said ; 'it cannot be long. Mrs. Joliffe, could not answer him your time,' she said gratefully, turning better for it, or rather said he, ' I find that it is neither wise, good, safe, nor "This birdie is content to sit at the moment. Some strong emotion You have not hidden the truth from her face towards him. 'I will try to that I have been sick all my life without kind to do so, and at once and forever, Unnoticed by the way, seemed to have possession of her, follow your advice. Your horses will knowing it.' But since man must eat And sweetly sing his Maker's praise on principle, renounce them .-- Chrisshown by quivering lips and heaving to live, and need not drink ardent 'You gave me no choice.' be tired of waiting, I am afraid.' From dawn to close of day. tian Advocate. chest. She tried to speak, but tears 'No, I came on foot. One has fallen spirits, wine or beer to live, the state-'No, and I am grateful to you for "So, live, my child, all through your life, your frankness. I knew it in my came in place of words. lame, and I have to spare the other. Is ment that ' I know many reasons for WHAT PROHIBITION WILL DO FOR That be it short or long, "Never mind,' he said ; ' you will be heart before I asked you. But my not being a glutton, but none for starythis Kathleen's work?' Though others may forget your looks, A COMMUNITY. - A gentleman of Southbetter presently." husband has no idea of the state of He lifted from the table a card illumation,' has nothing to do with the subampton, L. I. offered the Rev. S. H. They'll not forget your song." things. I do not think he realises that He left her to recover herself movination, tasteful in design and delicate | ject. -New York Evangelist. Platt a ton of coal as a gift to any poor I am out of health, and I shrink from ing away to the nearest window, where The question is, Are there valid in execution. family the reverend gentleman might he stood looking into the front garden. telling him. He would either not bereasons for total abstinence? In begin-'Yes; she has a knack for that sort Rein Select Serial. be acquainted with who needed it. The High walls and a goodly mass of lieve it, or he would be overcome with ning to answer we do not say, ' It is not of thing.' offered was declined on the ground shrubs rendered the house pleasantly distress. About Leena I feel differ-A talent I should call it. Good-bys necessary; ' for many things are perthat there was not a family in the town

sence of the tempter, may prove practically irresistible. So it often comes to pass that the worst effects of the habit are seen in the second genera-

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KATHLEEN.

THE STORY OF A HOME.

BY AGNES GIBERNE. CHAPTER I.

SHADOWS IN THE HOME.

"Cold day-don't leave the door open.' and with a parting shiver for the outside atmosphere, Dr. Ritchie stepped sweet smile, sad still. 'I have been within a stove-warmed hall. Outer fancying that you would look in to-day and inner portals were quickly closed, or to-morrow.' and he stood under the gaslight upon glistening grey and wide diamond shapes -a man of somewhat spare build, encased in great overcoat and woolen comforter. The damp mist and slush of a November afternoon rendered responding to his own question. wraps a necessity.

' How is Mrs. Joliffe this afternoon ?' he asked.

morning,'

'Ill news?'

and since then he has been in Aus-

apart from the more direct pain,' he

'Yes, it is that' Poor Jules Breay

was not a man to be much loved or

'You cannot, but feel it,' said Dr

"She seems but poorly, sir. My mistress has not been herself for a good bit past."

The speaker was a superior woman, sister. She died seventeen years ago, well-dressed, quiet-mannered, and of more than middle age. Her tone had, tralia.' or seemed to have, a touch of sorrewful meaning in it. Dr. Ritchie looked her steadily in the face, with his kind said, with fingers once more on her slenyet keen blue eyes. der wrist, and eyes upon his watch.

· Eh ?' he said.

Harkwicke put up her hand, with a hasty motion. 'Nobody sees but me,' even respected .- It was a sad marriage, she said. 'I'm sure master dosen't and Still for her sake---' Miss Kathaline has no more notion of it than a baby-but I do seem to see a Ritchie. 'Does he leave any chilchange of late. Nct to-day, only, sir, dren ?' My mistress had bad news this morning, but it is not that only. She has been going downhill for a good while past. I am right glad Miss Kathleen is coming home.'

"To-morrow-is it not?"

"This afternoon, sir; master has just gone to meet her at the station.'

Don't say anything to alarm Miss Joliffe when she returns,' was the re-

private; but two iron gates permitted ently. She would feel it intensely, I know-still, her chief thought would be a view of the road, and of gas-lamps receding on either side, glimmering for others, and I cannot but think it faintly and more faintly through the fog. would be worse for her if it came sud-Beyond the road lay iron railings, just denly, and found her unprepared. visible, enclosing a public garden. have so much, too, that I wish to say Presently Mrs. Joliffe said again, beforehand. I have to prepare her Dr. Ritchie,'-and he came back. for the life which lies before her, after 'I beg your pardon, I could not I am gone. Everything will rest upon help it,' she said apologetically, with a her, and she is only a child.'

> 'Twenty years old,' said the Doctor. 'Most girls at twenty are women,

but Leena is not. My children devel-He took a seat beside her, and a few op slowly, and she is the merest child technical questions were put and still, in mind and character, almost as answered in quiet tones, the Doctor's simple-hearted a country child as she eyes studying her gravely the while. was a year ago, when we came out 'You are not so well to-day,' he said, of Somersetshire. I thought a year in Rockston would have changed her more. She has no knowledge of the 'I have been upset by a letter, this

'My brother-in-law is dead. He is

one whom I have never known well -has never acted for herself. She comes to me in everything, depends personally, but his wife was my twin upon me utterly. I doubt if Leena ' It brings back old days, I dare say,

Sometimes I think that I ought to begin now to teach her to stand alone, that I ought to loosen the bond between such a thing. Hence I say we must us.

'No!' Dr. Ritchie said decisively. No need for that. When God pleases to make a void for her, He can fill it ; but if you break the bond, what will you give her in its place?"

'Ah,' and she sighed.

'One only. I do not know what 'I think you are in some measure the arrangement will be about her. She had lived for years in the North of after a pause. 'Kathleen may be England, with her father's brother, but he has lately married again, and I do not fancy she is very happy. It has and plenty of common-sense.' been a trouble to me to have seen so

little of her. Poor Jules always discouraged intercourse-Chiefly. I think, wife,' said Mrs Joliffe wistfully. 'But so ambitious to get on, some of them, drink excessively. Many old men have Society of Friends) will also take part she would have no one to run to, in the that they use two days up in one and thousand and one perplexities of daily waste their vital powers. They ride life. My husband could not be troubled when they ought to walk down town, with them. He will lean upon her then, as he leans upon me now. It is his way. I must do what I can to prepare her.'

Mrs. Joliffe.'

he passed out of the front-door, after that would be a conclusive reason why again donning his wraps, a station cab none but the rich should use anything drove up, and a bright young face looked out, smiling with pleasure to see him. Dr. Ritchie smiled back, and nodded cordially, but when he went on a shadow came over his eyes. 'Poor be proved that the habitual use of eve little Kathleen,' he sighed. 'How long would that bright look continue?'

How to be Young at Eighty.

In a discourse on this subject, Rev-Dr. Collyer gives these hints to the candidates for a hale, hearty and happy old age. The first element to be considered lies beyond your reach and mine, in the homes where you and I were born and nurtured. One great reason why I never had a really sick day in my life was that I was born and debate. nurtured in a sweet little home, where we lived on oatmeal and milk and brown bread with butter once a week potatoes and a bit of meat when we could catch it, and then oatmeal again. So I don't know to-day that I have a system, or a constitution, or a digestion at all; I am never conscious of go back to the father and mother for the first answer to our question.

Thousands of young men come to such a city as this from the Green Mountains, or from New Hampshire, or from Maine, with just such a constitution as

mine. They have within them all the conditions for a long, sweet life. They needlessly distressing yourself," he said can use their years wisely and well, and write at the end of each one, young for her age, and inexperienced, " Value received." Or they can overbut she has natural vigour of character, draw the account; as many do, God help them ! Instead of saying at fifty,

missible that are not necessary ; nor do And the Doctor made his exit. As we say that 'it is expensive,' though both expensive and unnecessary; nor that alcohol is a slow poison, and that a teaspoonful a day will shorten a man's life ten years out of fifty; for though it can

> small quantities is positively injurious the questions of how great the injury is and the effect of differences of constitution is complex, and lead away from the controlling reasons. Above all, we will not affirm that the touching of alcohol is now and always was a sin to be com pared to unequivocal violations of th Decalogue, or that " in the sight of high Heaven the man who drinks a glass of wine or ale is as bad as he who steal his neighbor's money." Our reasons are such that, if true, they admit of no

I. No man who drinks can be at all sure that he will not, on some occasion drink too much. There are some, per haps, who drink all their lives, but neve drink enough to visibly interfere with muscular movements or mental operations. Whether there are any such is an open question ; but it is certain that the number of those who use alcoholic stimulants at all in this climate and age, and never use too much, is very small. and that no user of them can be sure that he will not on some occasion drink toe much.

II. All users of them are especially liable, in time of mental trouble of physical debility, and in the gradual approach of old age, to drink too much Total abstinence men seldom plunge into excessive drinking in time of trouble Many Christian professors, having never been total abstainers, on failing in busi-'And you would be a friend to her, "I am young yet," they will say at ness, or losing wife or child, or meeting the venerable President of the League that I am sure of, you and your kind forty, "I am old indeed." They are a great disappointment, have taken to (who is a prominent member of the thus become sots, and some such in the Churches are a great mortification to their friends, and a perplexity to th church.

needing such assistance. Reason : Southampton is a prohibition township, and does not believe in granting licenses to make paupers.

The Rev. J. Gelson Gregson appears to be succeeding in his work in Egypt. Letters received from Cairo report that a great work is being carried on amongst the soldiers of the British Army. He holds a meeting every night, and has induced over one thousand men to become teetotallers, the pledge card being now conspicuous in every barrack-room in Cairo. The General, Sir Archibald Alison, is taking a deep interest in the work, and Lady Alison was present at the opening of the coffee-room. This has been a great success with the men, and the Saturday night entertainment is exceedingly popular.

The difference between prohibitionists, and those people who profess to be for temperance, but not for prohibition, is that prohibitionists always know what they want, and the other kind don't. They think they do, but when you get them face to face with the music, you find they don't. One wants one thing, and another wants another, and they all split into fragments. But prohibitionists are not in that condition. Let the "racket" proceed. Prohibition forever, and no compromise !- Monitor Journal.

It is very noteworthy that the Presi dents for the current year of the Wes levan Conference, the Congregational Union, and the Baptist Union are total abstainers. The National Temperance League have convened a meeting to be addressed by the three Presidents at the Metropolitan Tabernacie, on the 20th inst., when the Dean of Canterbury and in the proceedings; the object of the demonstration being " to direct attention to the progress of Temperance in English Christian Churches of all denominations."

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has ever chosen a yard of ribbon without reference to my taste, or read a book without consulting me first.

sponse, in a guarded tone.

Hardwicke shook her head, 'But come ; and you know it, sir.'

The doctor neither confirmed nor denied her assertion. He removed his wraps, one by one, getting through the process with a certain dexterous quickness, entirely free from hurry, These preliminaries ended, Hardwicke. would have opened the drawing-room door, but a slight gesture checked her. He opened it himself, and entered.

The room, though not very large, was pretty; just as the house, though not a mansion, was comfortable. The last gleams of light had almost ceased to struggle through the outside atmosphere, and gathering dimness showed Joan.' behind the plate-glass of the two bowwindows,-so far as draping curtains permitted the glass to be visible. A large fire burnt brightly, casting a glow of red over the furniture, which lent to the prevailing blue a tint of purple.

The absorbed occupant of the room remained unconscious of Dr. Ritchie's approach. A delicate woman, slender | continue.

from a feeling of annoyance, because he knew my sister's marriage was not approved in our family. He seems on it will come,' she said. 'But it will his deathbed to have expressed a wish that things should be different in the future. I am taking up too much of your

time Dr. Ritchie.'

He put aside the apology with gesture more expressive than words. A man of tender heart, and of cultivated sympathies, he was well used to being the recipient of other people's cares, and looked upon the same as part of his work in life.

"I should like to have Joan here, she said, 'to live with us. My husband would be willing. He is always ready for any kindness. But other considerations came in. I know little about

Kathleen.'

'Yes, she might, if-I have no doubt Kathleen would like it, but the question does not hinge there. If a time comes

soon-when I am not here-' Her silence met with no answer. The doctor seemed waiting for her to

'Yes, in certain lines. Let her undertake more of the housekeeping, if you like, and leave with her sometimes the responsibility of deciding a knotty point. But I doubt whether it would be an efficient preparation to lay upon her a weight of sad expectation, for weeks and months.'

Mrs. Joliffe lifted her eyes, with a look of disappointment. Perhaps it had been unconsciously as much for her own sake as for Kathleen's that she had wished to speak. Perhaps her 'She might be a nice companion for chief motive, unknowingly, had been a longing for her child's sympathy.

' Do not at all events act in haste. Let her keep a light heart as long as she may.'

' How long can it be?'

'Impossible to say. Your case is complicated one, and fresh complications might arise ; but on the other hand

and they take "a little something," as they say, to restore their lax energies,

for which they have to chew a clove or a coffee berry, I am told. They are overdrawing their account, I say, and

some days nature and the grace of God will shut down upon them .--Those who do differently, stay young and buoyant, love good, sweet company and are not ashamed to look their mothers and sisters in the eye or to kiss them. Another secret that must be known to be young at eighty is that you must keep taith in the common manhood and womanhood and in the ever-advancing progress of the day. Never say that the past is better than the present ; read the new books, understand all the new ideas; and keep your faith in God and in man and in the victory of good over evil.

THIS IS RELIABLE .-- R. N. Wheeler, severe attack of inflamation of the lungs by Hagyards Pectoral Balsam. great throat and lung heater cures weak lungs, coughs, hoarseness, bronchitis, and all Pectoral complaints.

III. All who use them at all set an example to youth, which, if they attempt to follow it, will be the ruin of many of them.

IV. Such persons, if parents, throw their influence over their children on the side of the strongest temptations to which they are exposed.

V. All users of intoxicating liquors as a beverage have practically no influence in preventing others from drinking. VI. Those who do not use them can

never drink too much; will be in little peril of resorting to rum as a remedy for sorrow; set an example to youth which all may safely follow and which will be the means of saving many from drunkenness; by precept and example they throw the mightiest safeguards around their children, and exert a posimerchant, of Everton, was cured of a tive and powerful influence against intemperance.

VII. But those who use alcohol habitually may transmit a constitutional

predisposition to their children much

A vigorous war against drunkenness has been begun at Copenhagen. The public houses are to be reduced from 1,350 to 300. Sales to minors or to intoxicated persons are forbidden, and there is a unique provision in the law which directs that a drunken person shall be conveyed to his own dwelling in a covered carriage at the expense of the landlord at whose' house he drank the last glass.

A drunkard and a gambler are the two most heartless animals under the sun: The Montreal Gazette tells of a once respectable citizen there, who last week opened his little girl's tiny "bank" in spite of her tears and entreaties not to take her "Kistmas money," and got drunk on the twenty-six cents which it contained.

Ashland, Pa., June 3. 1880 .- A case of spavin that came under my observation was entirely cured by one bottle of Kendall's Spavin Cure, and the horse sold afterwards for two hundred dollars.