

BRIGHTEN UP THE HOME.

Now is the Time for Books and Music and Games and Hearthstone Gatherings—Is Your Home One Where These Things are Found?

Now, as we are approaching not only the season of clouded skies and unpleasant weather, but also the season of good cheer and festivity, is the time of all others to think about the brightening up of the house, and the making of an attractive place to live for both young and old.

The home should be the pleasantest place in the world to the boys and girls; and the making of such a home is a life's work worthy of the most gifted of the most aspiring. If the boys and girls of our family—and of our neighbor's family for that matter—do not enjoy gathering in the house to interest them, there is something very wrong somewhere about it.

Are there books in your home such as young folks like to read, stories and poetry and histories and books of information? If not, there is something being missed by all who live there. Books cost very little nowadays; and the boy or girl who grows into manhood or womanhood without having learned to love to read misses more of the sweetness and beauty of life than he or she can ever know.

Are there pictures on your walls, and some growing plants by the windows, something to make the place attractive as well as comfortable? Surely you could have these things if you wished.

Is there any provision for music or games or any of the amusements so dear to the hearts of the young? Someone has said that no home is complete without a musical instrument of some kind; and there is not so much exaggeration in the statement. Why not a piano or an organ, a flute or a violin? If there is any one who has any taste for music, that taste should certainly be encouraged. If no one can play at all, you can still have a phonograph.

It is worth while to think of all these things as the Christmas season approaches. If half of the money that will be spent for sheer foolishness, for useless trinkets and fantastic gewgaws, should be spent for books and pictures and games and musical instruments, many homes would have a beauty and a brightness and an air of friendliness the whole year round that they have never had before.

But above all that which makes the home cheerful and glad and dear to those who share it is the spirit that fills and governs it. If love is there for the inmates, and friendliness for all who come, and hope and cheerfulness and the spirit of helpful aspiration, it will be a home in the fullest sense of the word. Though it may be humble and plain, it will be the dearest place in the world to those who share it.

So at this season of peace and good-will let us not only try to make our homes attractive to the eye and interesting to the mind, but let us throw over them also the spell that binds the heart.—AUNT MARY, in Progressive Farmer.

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Ship Sinks With 25 Men.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 6.—It is now admitted that 25 more seamen have lost their lives in the recent gales which have been sweeping across the lakes and Canada from the coast of Nova Scotia. These men were members of the steamship N. M. Clemson, long overdue from Lower Lake Superior ports, with a cargo of coal.

A. B. Wolvin, of Duluth, the owner of the vessel, has abandoned hope, and admits that she is at the bottom of Lake Superior with her crew.

S. R. Chamberlain, of this city, is captain. The Clemson is a week overdue at this port. The vessel is 5,000 tons burden.

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Obituary.

On the morning of November 28th, the summons, to which we all must answer, came to Mozelle Gurley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gurley. She suffered a stubborn and lingering attack of typhoid fever during which her gentle, loving and submissive disposition proved to her friends that her soul was in constant communion with her Master.

The funeral was conducted on Sunday at the home by Rev. Mr. Farmer, of Wilson, after which the remains were borne to the family burying ground and there laid to rest beneath a mass of flowers, her friends and class mates, Waverly Edwards, Clifton Holt, Herbert Fitzgerald, Clifford Gulley, Herman Raiford, Dr. Woodard, Hubert Raiford and Malcolm McKinne, acting as pall bearers.

A girl of fifteen whose life was lived in such an air of love, of gentleness, of purity and with all these virtues embodied in her face manner and character we can easily understand the quick transformation of her acquaintances to admirers and friends.

It was her teachers her school mates, her class associates and others of those who knew her best that loved her most, and now are those who feel most keenly her absence. The knowledge that it was His will is our only solace for there are none, her place, can fill.

Besides many other reasons, we her teachers loved her for the ideal pupil she was, constantly diligent in her work, ever attentive to our instruction and always grateful and kind. She was especially brilliant in certain lines of her work, especially music, in which she was highly talented.

May those who are most afflicted by this sad bereavement, find consolation in the undoubted conviction that she has exchanged a world of sorrow and trouble, for one of everlasting happiness, and may they who now realize how quickly death doth snatch the bloom from the earth—the light from the sky, look alone for hope to that city whose maker and builder is God.
D. P. A. M. R. S.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our most grateful and appreciative thanks to the people of Princeton for their untiring aid so kindly rendered during the recent illness and death of our precious child Mozelle.
MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GURLEY.

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Death of a Little Child.

On Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 1908, the tyrant, death, entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. George and claimed for his victim their darling baby boy, Alton. Little Alton was born June 28th, 1906, being two years five months and 5 days old when the Lord that gave in His righteous wisdom saw fit to take, and one more precious little jewel was garnered home in heaven. He had been in failing health for some time and all that physician, kind friends, and indulgent parents could do could not stay the inevitable result. Weep not bereaved parents and friends. Little Alton can never come back to live in this world of pain and death but we may go to meet him in that celestial home, where the weary are at rest and the sick are made whole.

In his death there is an empty bed, and a vacant crib; the clatter of precious feet and a loving voice is forever still; but this bright little star has but gone down

To rise upon a fairer shore;
Where bright in heaven's jeweled crown,
It shines forevermore.
UNCLE.

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PLEASANT GROVE ITEMS.

Mr. E. S. Coats is erecting a new dwelling house.

Cotton-ginning is almost over with in this section.

Misses Bessie Johnson and Inez Parker, of Benson, spent Sunday at Fellowship.

We are glad to learn that Johnnie Stephenson who has been very sick with typhoid fever is much improved.

Messrs. R. F. Coats and John Barefoot, of Meadow township, spent Saturday and Sunday in our section.

Mr. John Burke, of LaGrange, has opened up the public school at Fellowship with a very good attendance.

Elder J. T. Coats filled his regular monthly appointment at Fellowship church Sunday, preaching to a large congregation.

Mr. H. D. Lambert, who is teaching the public school at Rehoboth church in Elevation township, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

REPORTER.

Dec. 7, 1908.

BENSON'S GROVE ITEMS.

Mr. Edmund Rogers and Miss Bessie Stephenson were married last Sunday.

Mr. Connie Jones and Miss Mary Horton were happily married Nov. 29th.

Mr. R. D. Benson has just finished burning a nice kiln of brick. They are now ready for market.

The Benson's Grove Baptist church has been completed. There will be preaching there every second Sunday at 3 o'clock. We hope all the young people of our community will attend next Sunday as we want to organize a singing.

D. B.

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Newspaper Changes in Raleigh.

Mr. W. F. Marshall, for two years past the managing editor of The Progressive Farmer, resigns and becomes president and general manager of the Mutual Publishing Company, in which he has bought an interest. He is a very capable newspaper man and at Gastonia conducted The Gazette and also a printing establishment before he came here. His present company prints the Progressive Farmer, Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Christian Advocate, which are all large stockholders, besides many other weekly and semi-monthly publications. Mr. E. E. Miller, of Morristown, Tenn., becomes managing editor of The Progressive Farmer. As a farmer he has conducted large farms in east Tennessee, having been trained in the Agriculture College of that State. He is also a writer of general reputation and for several years has contributed articles to the best farm papers in this country, as well as to other magazines. He is regarded as particularly well fitted for his new position.—Raleigh Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

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Statesville, N. C., Dec. 7.—Rev. F. Mittenner, pastor of Western Avenue Baptist church, has returned from Littleton, Halifax county, where he conducted a two weeks meeting for Rev. J. P. Bowers, pastor of the Baptist church there. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in that part of the State, there being over 100 professions of faith in Christ and many additions to the church.

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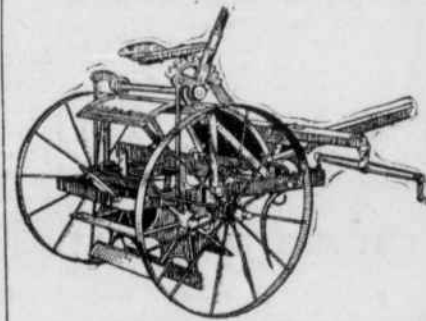
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