

preach and pray, and on what it shall be silent; what doctrines it shall promulgate and what party interests it shall espouse, and when all shall be found obedient to the mandate, then will be the date of this divine institution. If God had not intended that the freedom of the pulpit should be entire, he would have appointed a censorship over it. But as he has instituted no such office, let no one claim it.

MAKE HOME HAPPY.

It is a duty devolving upon every member of a family to endeavor to make all belonging to it happy. This may with a very little pleasant exertion be done. Let every one contribute something towards improving the grounds belonging to their house. If the house is old and uncomfortable, let each exert himself to render it better and more pleasant. If it is good and pleasant, let each strive still further to adorn it. Let flowering shrubs and trees be planted, and vines and woodbines be trailed about the windows and doors; add interesting volumes to the family library; little articles of furniture to replace those which are fast wearing out; wait upon and anticipate each others wants, and ever have a pleasant smile for all and each.

Make home happy! Parents ought to teach the lesson in the nursery, and by the fire-side; give it the weight of their precept and example. If they would, ours would be a happy and more virtuous country. Drunkenness, profanity, and other disgusting vices, would die away: they could not live in the influence of a lovely and refined home.

Does any one think, "I am poor and have to work hard to get enough to sustain life, and cannot find time to spend in making our old house more attractive." Think again! is there not some time every day which you spend in idleness, or smoking, or mere listlessness, which might be spent about your home? "Flowers are God's smiles," said Wilberforce, and they are as beautiful beside the cottage as the palace, and may be enjoyed by the inhabitants of one as well as the other. There are but few homes in our country which might not be made more beautiful and attractive, not to strangers only, but to their inmates. Let every one study then, and work to make whatever place they may

be in, so attractive that the hearts of the absent ones shall go back to it as the dove did to the ark of Noah. *Am. Farmer.*

The Excellence of Christ.

What is sin? Sin is the transgression of the law. What law? The law of the great God, with whom we have to do. What is the law? It is contained in the Ten Commandments, and is thus summed up by our blessed Lord: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Have you done this? Have you loved God with all your heart, soul, and strength? Have you loved all others (for this is the meaning of the word "neighbor") as yourself? Oh, no; whether you know it or not, you have sinned. Happy those who are convinced of this! for they, and they only, who feel that they are sinners, will apply to Christ as one who is "mighty to save."

And oh, what a Saviour he is! How full of pity, of love, of power! How kind and gracious a Master! How tender and faithful a Friend! How wise and safe a Guide! How almighty as a Guardian! In solitude, what a Companion! In affliction, what a Comforter! In temptation, what a Refuge! In death, what a Support! Seek him now, and so seek that you may find.

The Two Crowns.—The crown worn by the Queen of England, is said to be composed of velvet, ermine and silver hoops and balls set with pearls, rubies, emeralds, sapphire and diamonds; and to have cost, in round numbers, something like half a million of dollars. If the price it cost be taken as the standard of value, it is certainly valuable. It is composed of such things as the men of this world highly esteem. Add to this, that it is the token of royalty, the highest earthly distinction conferred upon mortals.

But valuable as it is, and highly as its possessor or others may esteem it; and high as is the distinction of which it is the sign, there is another crown of higher value, because composed of better materials, purchased at greater cost, and distinctive of higher honors and sublimer relations; we mean "THE CROWN OF LIFE" worn by