

The Family Circle

ROOFS.

The road is wide and the stars are out and
the breath of night is sweet,
And this is the time when wander-lust should
seize upon my feet.

But I'm glad to turn from the open road and
the starlight on my face,
And to leave the splendor of out-of-doors for
a human dwelling place.

I've never seen a vagabond who really liked
to roam

All up and down the streets of the world
and not to have a home;

The tramp who slept in your barn last night
and left at break of day

Will wander only until he finds another place
to stay.

A gypsy man will sleep in his cart when with
canvas overhead;

Or else he'll go into his tent when it is time
for bed.

He'll sit on the grass and take his ease so
long as the sun is high,

But when it is dark he wants a roof to keep
away the sky.

If you call a gypsy a vagabond. I think you
do him a wrong,

For he never goes a-travelling but he takes
his home along.

And the only reason a road is good, as every
wanderer knows,

Is just because of the homes, the homes to
which it goes.

They say that life is a highway and its mile-
stones are the years,

And now and then there's a tollgate where
you buy your way with tears.

It's a rough road and a steep road and it
stretches broad and far,

But at last it leads to a golden Town where
golden Houses are.

—JOYCE KILMER.



DISCIPLINE.

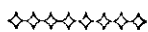
Probably nothing is better for boys and
girls than discipline, yet parents refrain
from discipline out of mistaken kindness.
They are soft at heart, and it is not
easy to hurt children. It is just helping
them to grow straight and strong, in order
that they may have the mental and moral
stamina necessary to struggle with a pretty
difficult world.

But there is another side to discipline. It
must be kindly meant. Boys and girls must
come to feel that parents have some real
interest in them other than a desire to make
them toe the mark. A youngster should
learn, through the personality of the parent,
that he is not being made to toe the mark
just because it pleases the parent to have
him do so. He should be taught by much
patience that he is given discipline because
his parents want him to grow into a useful
and successful man.

ILL TEMPER.

It is not enough for us to pray for self-
control. We must all study the cause of
irritability. If men would often go to a
sanitarian concerning their health habits,
they would find an answer to prayer in his
revelation of truth. Men have been known
who prayed for a good temper in vain until
their physician prescribed eating less meat,
for they could not endure such stimulation.
So long as they ate abundantly of animal
food they could not control the irritability;
but as soon as they were put on a milder
diet they were able to keep their temper.

The physicians, by the aid of science, re-
vealed to them the cause of that irritable-
ness, and their prayer was answered. They
were not unwise in praying, but they were
wise in adding hygiene advice. It is quite
in vain to pray for a tranquil spirit or a
genial, hopeful spirit when the organs of
digestion are out of order. Not that one
who is suffering from sickness should not
pray for health, but prayer is to be conjoined
to hygiene. It is in vain to pray for pati-
ence, and then run heedlessly into those very
conditions where experience shows causes
which lead to impatience.



OBEDIENCE: A NOBLE VIRTUE.

Jesus humbled Himself, becoming obedient
unto death, even the death of the Cross.
For which cause God also hath exalted Him,
and hath given Him a name which is above
all names." (Philippians II, 8, 9.) Some
people talk loudly of independence and lib-
erty; but a great writer says justly that,
though the word liberty is often heard among
men, it is the word by which the luxurious
mean license, and the reckless mean change;
by which the rogue means rapine, and the
fool equality; by which the proud mean an-
archy, and the malignant mean violence.
Call freedom by any name rather than this
(liberty), but its best and truest is obedience.
Obedience, indeed, is a noble virtue, a vir-
tue by which all that is good, beautiful, and
strong in human character is nourished and
preserved, and it is the only path to the
enjoyment of true freedom. Hence, when
God delivered to us His holy law on Mount
Sinai, He gave Ten Commandments as a
light and source of strength and happiness
during our pilgrimage on earth, and He
laid upon us the obligation of obeying His
precepts. His yoke is sweet and His burden
light to His true children, and if we desire
to enter into eternal life it should be a
pleasure to keep all His Commandments in
a spirit of hope and love.

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother.

Among those great precepts He has set
one: "Honor thy father and thy mother."
By this Commandment we are bound to show
our parents due honor by giving them all
respect, love, and obedience. God has placed
them in authority over us, in order that
we may honor our Creator Himself in honor-

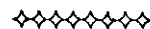
ing them. To the fulfilment of this Com-
mandment a promise is attached: "That thou
mayest be long-lived in the land which the
Lord thy God shall give thee." The same
promise is repeated in another part of the
Bible in these words: "He that honoreth his
father, shall enjoy a long life"; and again,
"He that honoreth his mother is as one that
layeth up a treasure." (Eccles. III.)

Our Lord's Example.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has
left us an example of how we should observe
this Commandment, for He was obedient for
many long years to Mary and Joseph. As
the Eternal Father has recompensed His
Son's humility and obedience by exalting Him
and giving Him a Name that is above all
names, so He will reward children when
they obey their parents and strive manfully
to observe all the precepts of His Holy law.
No doubt, when children grow older they
will desire to have much of their own way.
They will succeed in this fight against evil
if they follow the advice of their father and
mother, who love them dearly and seek to
preserve them from injury and sorrow.

Throughout the Ages.

Throughout all the ages of the world, the
noblest and wisest men were distinguished
for the honor they gave their parents and
for their obedience to the restraint of duty
and of law; and we should be desirous to be
of their company rather than be reckoned
among fools and criminals. The Holy Scrip-
ture says: "Cursed is he that honoreth not
his father and mother." (Deut. xxvii. 16.)



THE HOLY GHOST.

There is only one way to restore man to
his original state, and to improve the general
condition of civilisation and the world, and
that is to return to the guidance of the
Holy Ghost, and to nourish our divine life
by His divine teachings and inspirations.

The reason why the devotion to the Holy
Ghost occupies so small a place in the re-
ligious life of even Catholics, is that it is
above all else an intellectual devotion, that
requires some spiritual depth, and even Cath-
olics prefer to have their devotions shallow
and as little troublesome to their intellects
as possible.

It was not thus in the ages of faith. Souls
devoted to the Holy Ghost should seek to
make their religious life more profound and
solid by this great devotion.



FOR A CATHEDRAL BELL.

I chime at eve and morn,
I peal the happy wed,
I ring for mortals born
And toll the blessed dead.

When all my work is done,
Then am I busied most
In silence praising Son,
And Father, and Holy Ghost!

—SHANE LESLIE.

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