

THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH.

Welcome blithe cricket, with thy note of cheer,
Thou, too, from summer wanderings doth
come.

To chirp again beside the hearth-stone dear,
While voices glad once more sing, "Home,
Sweet Home."

Thy note brings memories of olden time,
When friends, long parted round this hearth
would come

And list, with us, to thy persistent chime,
Unity with our song of "Home, Sweet
Home."

O "Home, Sweet Home!" Can other hearth
than thine

Give balm for heart-ache, though we wander
wide?

Can other places for us hold love's true shrine,
Or firelight fall on aught so dear beside?

—M. L. B.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The autumn foliage is not as brilliant
as some seasons when we have sharp
frosts, but it is rich, and abundant
in variety.

Mrs. W. A. Alexander entertained
Misses Daily, Millard, Cassard, and
Miss Sellars of Chicago, Tuesday.
It was a very charming affair.

Dan Cole created a sensation
in the circuit court Wednesday af-
ternoon while he was serving in try-
ing a case, by rising in his seat and
calling on the judge not to have two
or more lawyers and witnesses talk-
ing at a time, as it kind o' confused
his mind.

Professor Shaw's talk, Friday, was
a first class affair. He took colored
crayons and drew pictures of any-
thing he wished to illustrate his "talk"
and it was not only highly entertain-
ing, but thoroughly instructive.
There was a good houseful and the
boys enjoyed it immensely.

Some twelve to fifteen years ago,
the editor ventured the statement, on
a platform in Cedar Rapids, Iowa,
that people in that audience would
live to see the time when steamships
would pass between the United States
and Europe between Sundays, and
he was laughed at as a semi-lunatic.
Last Sunday night a steamship
reached New York from Southampton
having been 5 days, 22 hours and 45
minutes making the trip. The darkey
preacher said "The sun he do move."
Yes, and some other things move al-
so.

DEATH OF FATHER BINGHAM.

The News has just learned that
Father Bingham, as he was famili-
arly and affectionately known here,
died at the residence of his son-in-
law in Sparta, Wis., Tuesday of this
week, October 5th, 90 years and 6
months old, having been born in
Morristown, Vt., April 12th 1807.
Further particulars we cannot give
this week.

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