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HE following address formed the usual Annual Letter to the "Buckinghamshire Association of Baptist Churches." The subject was deemed of so much importance, that an earnest desire for a reprint in a distinct form was made. This request has been acceded to in the hope that it may act as a stimulus to Domestic Piety. It is commended to the prayerful consideration of the Church of Christ;—and under its present aspect of sad depression, it is by no means inapplicable. Were our churches blessed with additions from the families of the saints—and if *all* the members of those families were to become the followers of Jesus, we should never have a reported decrease, but a perpetually increasing flock. May the blessing of the Great Head of the Church render it productive of good.

HIGH WYCOMBE,

JULY 10TH, 1848.

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THE CHURCH MEMBER AT HOME.

WE fully sympathise with the stirring words of the popular ballad, "Home, sweet Home; there is no place like Home." There are no words more thrilling, no associations more deeply interesting. It kindles a thousand bright and happy thoughts. It brings to our mind reminiscences of the past. It carries us back to childhood's years and our father's house-when no storm of life had crossed our path, and no anxious care had marred our peace: but when all was full of hope; and even now that we have passed the giddy scene of childhood, and the sportive mirth of earlier years; now that we have gathered around us the mantle of worldly occupation-engrossed by cares and anxietiesabsorbed in temporal pursuits-we echo back the sentiment, " There is no place like home."

There are few, perhaps none, of the members of our Churches, without a home. He who has none for whom he cares, or who cares for him-

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