

## Page For The Young.

### LITTLE BY LITTLE.

"Little by little," said a thoughtful boy,  
 Moment by moment I'll well employ,  
 Learning a little every day,  
 And not spending all my time in play ;  
 And still this rule in my mind shall dwell—  
 'Whatever I do, I'll do it well.'  
 Little by little I'll learn to know  
 The treasured wisdom of long ago ;  
 And one of these days perhaps we'll see  
 That the world will be the better for me."  
 And do you not think that this simple plan  
 Made him a wise and useful man ?

### ONE STEP AT A TIME.

GEORGE MANNING had almost decided to become a Christian. One doubt held him back. "How can I know," he said to himself, "that even if I do begin a religious life I shall continue faithful, and finally reach heaven ?"

He wanted to see the whole way there before taking the first step. While in this state of indecision and unhappiness he one evening sought the house of his favorite professor, for he was a college student at the time, and they talked for several hours upon the all-absorbing topic. But the conversation ended without dispelling his fears, or bringing him any nearer the point of decision.

When he was about to go home the professor accompanied him to the door, and observing how dark the night was, prepared a lantern, and handing it to his young friend said, "George, this little light will show you the whole way to your room, but only one step at a time ; but take that step, and you will reach your home in safety."

It proved the word in season. As George walked securely along in the path brightened by the little lantern the truth flashed through his mind, dispelling the last shadow of doubt.

"Why can I not trust my heavenly Father," he said to himself, "even if I can't see the way clear to the end, if he gives me light to take one step ? I will trust Him. I do trust Him."

He could hardly wait until he reached his room to fall on his knees and thank God for the peace and joy that filled his soul.

Early next morning the professor was summoned to the door. There he found George Manning. With beaming face he looked up to his teacher, and as he handed him the lantern said significantly, "Doctor, your little lamp lighted me all the way home last night."

### ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

Some of our boys and girls are wondering why the 30th November is called St. Andrew's Day. In the olden time it was customary for each country to have what was called a Patron Saint. So England adopted *St. George*, and Ireland *St. Patrick*, and Wales *St. David*, as their respective patrons. The people of Scotland chose *St. Andrew*, and history connects with their choice the following legend.—About the year of our Lord 369, St. Regulus, a Greek monk, being warned in a dream that he should take the bones of St. Andrew and depart with them to some unknown land in the far west—resolved after some hesitation to obey the divine admonition. He accordingly gathered up what relics he could find of the Apostle, namely,—an arm-bone, three fingers, three toes and a tooth, and being accompanied with sixteen other monks, and three devout virgins, he set sail, not knowing whither to steer his course. For two long years were this pilgrim band tossed about with tempests, as they skirted the sunny shores of the Mediterranean, passed the dreaded "pillars of Hercules," and rode in the Bay of Biscay : but at last, overtaken by a storm more violent than any they had yet encountered, they were whirled northward, and finally shipwrecked on the Promontory now called St. Andrew's. With difficulty they escaped the waves, bearing with them their precious relics. On landing they found themselves in a country infested by wild boars. The inhabitants were painted pagans. But the king, awed by the holy lives of St. Regulus and his saintly company, became Christians after a time, and were baptized.

How much truth there is in this legend it is impossible now to determine, but it doubtless has some foundation in fact. Respecting St. Andrew himself, we know that he was the first whom Jesus called to be a disciple, and that he remained faithful to his Master even unto the death. Tradition says of him that when called upon to renounce his faith in Christ, he boldly resisted ; that he was scourged on his naked body ; and instead of being nailed, was tied with cords to a cross on which he lingered in agony for two whole days, during which time he ceased not to speak of Jesus. At last relief came on the 30th NOVEMBER. At all events the life and character of St. Andrew are worthy of our study and imitation. And this legend should lead us to remember how much Scotland and the world at large owes to Christianity.