

## Children's Department.

## "ONLY A LITTLE CHILD."

Only a little child!  
Yet, Lord, Thou callest me;  
Therefore, confidently,  
I come to Thee!

Only a little child!  
And though I sinful be,  
Thou, Lord, forgive me!  
I come to thee!

Only a little child!  
Looking up, loving Thee,  
Because Thou lovest me,  
I come to Thee!

Only a little child!  
Brightly and cheerfully,  
Swiftly, obediently,  
I come to Thee!

Only a little child!  
Thou wilt my Father be,  
Till in eternity  
I dwell with Thee.

## WHAT HELPED THEM.

Three little German girls, whose friends were in America, wanted to go thither. They were from eight to twelve years old, and the question was how to get them across the great ocean and away into the interior of America. There was no one to go with them, they must go alone; and no one could tell what troubles might assail or what dangers might surround them. But their friends had faith in God, and before they sent them out they got a book, and on the fly-leaf of it they wrote a sentence in German, in French, and in English, and they told the little children when they started.

"If you get into trouble, or need any help, you just stand still and open this book, and hold it right up before you."

Then they started off on their long journey, by railway and by steamship, from place to place and from port to port; and wherever they went, if any trouble occurred or any difficulty arose, the children would stop and open the book, and hold it up before them, and they always found some one who could read German or English or French, and who was ready to help them on their way.

And what were those words which proved such a talisman and protection to these children among strangers and in a strange land? What were the words that made the careless civil and thoughtful, and the rough and reckless kind, that gave them protection and help in every hour of need, and opened doors before them? They were the words of One who lived on the earth long years ago, and who, though He has passed away from human vision, yet holds His grasp upon the minds of men. These were the words:—"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

## STEPHEN ALLEN'S POCKET PIECE.

Among the victims of the "Henry Clay" disaster, over twenty years ago, was Stephen Allen, Esq., an aged man of the purest character, formerly of New York. In his pocket-book, was found a printed slip, apparently cut from a newspaper, of which the following is a copy:—

Keep good company or none. Never be idle.

If your hands cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind.

Always speak the truth.

Make few promises.

Live up to your engagements.

Keep your own secrets, if you have any.

When you speak to a person look him in the face.

Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue.

Good character is above all things else.

Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.

If any one speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one will believe him.

Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors.

Ever live (misfortune excepted) within your income.

When you retire to bed think over what you have been doing during the day.

Make no haste to be rich if you would prosper.

Small and steady gains give competency, with tranquillity of mind.

Never play at any game of chance.

Avoid temptation through fear you may not withstand it.

Earn money before you spend it.

Never run into debt, unless you see plainly a way to get out of it again.

Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it.

Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.

Never speak evil of any one.

Be just before you are generous.

Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy.

Save when you are young, to spend when you are old.

Read over the above maxims at least once a week.

## CANARY AND MOUSE.

Whilst in Ireland this summer, a most interesting case happened in the house where I was staying, illustrative of the sagacity of small animals. The week before I arrived a canary had been presented to the lady of the house, who had hung it at one of the sitting-room windows in a cage. The bird had, as usual, in eating its seed, spilled some of it on to the floor, and this had attracted a mouse to the room, where

none had hitherto been seen. As I was sitting with a cousin late one evening in the room, with my back to the window, he suddenly said to me, "John, don't move;" so I remained still for about ten minutes, at the end of which time he rushed to the window and parted the curtains. Turning round, I, to my surprise, saw a mouse in the bird cage. Upon my inquiring how it came there, my cousin told me that when he first spoke to me he saw the mouse eating the seed on the floor under the cage which the bird had let fall; it then climbed up the curtains until it was above the cage, ran down the cords which suspended the cage, and quietly entered it, the bird all the time eyeing it very suspiciously. It then went to the glass which contained the seed, and was eating away there, when it was disturbed by the curtains being drawn apart. The mouse had no doubt at one time seen some seed fall, had ascended the curtains to find where it came from, had had its fill many a time before, and would again, as we let the little creature alone.

## YOUTHFUL FOLLIES

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## TRUTH.

"Lost your situation? How did it happen, my boy?"

"Well, mother, you'll say it was all my own carelessness, I suppose. I was dusting the shelves in the store, and trying to hurry up matters, sent a lot of fruit-jars smashing to the floor. Mr. Barton scolded, and said he wouldn't stand my blundering ways any longer, so I packed up and left."

His mother looked troubled.

"Don't mind, mother, I can get another situation soon, I know. But what shall I say if they ask me why I left the last one?"

"Tell the truth, James, of course; you wouldn't think of anything else?"

"No, I only thought I'd keep it to myself. I'm afraid it may stand in my way."

"It never stands in one's way to do right, James, even though it may seem to sometimes."

He found it harder than he had expected to get a new situation. He walked and inquired till he felt almost discouraged, till one day something seemed to be really waiting for him. A young-looking man in a clean, bright store, newly started, was in want of an assistant. Things looked very attractive, so neat and dainty that James, fearing that a boy who had a record for carelessness might not be wanted there, felt sorely tempted to conceal the truth. It was a long distance from the place from which he had been dismissed and the chances were slight of a new employer hearing

the truth. But he thought better of it, and frankly told exactly the circumstances which had led to his seeking the situation.

"I must say I have a great preference for having neat-handed, careful people about me," said the man good-humouredly, "but I have heard that those who know their faults and are honest enough to own them, are likely to mend them. Perhaps the very luck you have had may help you to learn to be more careful."

"Indeed, sir, I will try very hard," said James earnestly.

"Well, I always think a boy who tell the truth, even though it may seem to go against him—Good morning, uncle. Come in, sir."

He spoke to an elderly man who was entering the door, and James turning, found himself face to face with his late employer.

"Oh, ho!" he said, looking at the boy, "are you hiring this young chap, Fred?"

"I haven't yet, sir."

"Well, I guess you might try him. If you can only," he added, laughing, "keep him from spilling all the wet goods and smashing all the dry ones, you'll find him reliable in everything else. If you find you don't like him I'd be willing to give him another trial myself."

"If you think that well of him," said the younger man, "I think I shall keep him myself."

"Oh, mother," said James, going home after having made an agreement with his new employer, after such a recommendation from his old one, "you were right as you always are."

## "IN A DECLINE."

Dr. R. V. PIERCE: Dear Sir—Last fall my daughter was in a decline and every body thought she was going into the consumption. I got her a bottle of your "Favorite Prescription," and it cured her. Mrs. MARY HINSON, Montrose, Kan.

THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS.—The three concerts by the jubilee singers Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last, were the most enjoyable ever given by these gifted artistes in our city. Shaftesbury Hall was crowded by an enthusiastic and sympathetic audience, who, by their spontaneous applause at the close of every piece rendered, showed how highly the efforts of the vocalists were appreciated. The programme was varied on each occasion. Solos were rendered by Miss Jackson and Miss Laurence and Mr. Londin, and these were given with such taste and skill that a double encore was frequently demanded, and was complied with by the singers. Miss Burchley accompanied the singers on organ and pianoforte with excellent taste and skill. We were sorry to note an incident on Friday evening which called for the rebuke, so justly administered by Mr. Londin, viz., the abrupt rising of a few of the audience (young people) to pass out and consequent interruption to the singers and annoyance to those who remained sitting. Mr. Londin addressed those present between the parts, thanking them for their patronage, and intimating the arrangements made for their visit to Europe. He said it would probably be a long time before they would visit Toronto again, and they would cherish the remembrances of kindnesses received here. We are glad to understand that there is a possibility of one more visit being paid in the near future, as they are to appear in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. in about three or four weeks.