It was the time when our dear Lord Jesus Had finished His life of love, And the voice of His Heavenly Father Was calling to Him from above :

And the cruel soldiers of Pilate Were searching with eager eye For something to scourge the Saviour, Ere they led Him forth to die.

Now it chanced that there grew a willow, Not a willow like those we see. With sorrowful, trailing branches, But a tall, young, graceful tree.

Whose straight, green branches pointed To the sky; and sages tell How the soldiers took them to scourge Him, For they served the purpose well.

And all through that dreadful hour When the blows fell thick and fast On the quivering flesh of Jesus, Till the blood flowed down at last

The willow drooped and saddened Under the grief and pain And trailed its long green branches Weeping down on the moistened plain.

And all through the many ages. That since have come and fled, The sorrowing, weeping willow Has hung its saddened head.

THE WAY TO EXCUSE.

A little brown-eyed maid, no taller than the dinner-table, came to her mother with her apron wet down the front.

"Agnes! Agnes!" exclaimed the vexed mother, "you have been to the water cooler again when I told you not to go. I shall be obliged to punish you this time."

"No mudder," said the trembling little voice, "you'll have to 'scuse me this time, 'cause Lila was so sirsty she cried for a drink, and nobody was there to give it to her but me.'

"Well, daughter, as it was for Lila's sake you did it I will excuse you this time, but, you must not turn the spigot again, no matter who cries.e Will you remember?"

The little one promised, her face all sunshine again, and the mother took her off for a dry apron. But that was only a small part of the mischief, and up the water that had run over the pantry flood and collected dangerously near the flour barrel, the mother's temper gave way. "I declare, Agnes!" she said, "you are too much bother for anything! Why can't you learn to let things alone?"

Hearing no sound she looked up, and she will not soon forget the look of disappointment on the little face. "Why mudder," said the baby, "I thought you said you would 'scuse me. "I don't call this 'scusing me!"

-" Why, mother, how bright and cheerful you look to-night! What has happened?"

"I feel happy, my dear, because my little boy has really tried to be good all day. Once, when his sister teased him, and he spoke quickly and crossly to her, he turned around a moment after of his own accord, and said he was wrong, and asked her to forgive him. I believe I should grow young, or never look tired or unhappy again if every day my little boy and girl were as thoughtful, unselfish and loving as they have been to-day."

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BAD THOUGHTS.

A little girl one day said to her mother: " Papa calls me good, auntie calls me good, and everybody calls me good; but I am not good."

"I am very sorry," said the mother. "And so am I," said the child, "but I have got a very naughty 'think.''

" A naughty what? "My think is naughty inside of

And on her mother's inquiring what she meant, she said: "Why, when I could not ride yesterday, I did not cry, or say anything, but when you were gone, I wished the carriage would turn

over, and the horses would run away,

and everything bad. Nobody knew it;

but God knew it, and He cannot call me good."

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REASON—JUDGMENT.

"Sarah," said Mrs Dalton to her little girl, "suppose you wish to walk in the street, you must decide how to get to the street. Here is an open window, that would be the shortest way to reach it. Now, near the door of this room there are stairs which de-





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scend to the yard, then crossing the yard you reach a gate which opens on to the street. Which of these two ways appears to be the best?"

"Why I cannot go out through the window.'

"Why not? You can jump from it. and get to the street sooner than if you went by the stairs."

"But, mamma, I should fall."

"Certainly it is likely that you would break your limbs and have to be carried to bed and remain there for weeks."

"It is not difficult to choose, mamma, I should certainly take the longer road."

" Now, you see, we have been using our reason, and have discussed the advantages and disadvantages, and compared them, and decided that it was better to go to the stairs. Now,

know how



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this way of comparing things is called "reasoning" and the conclusion we arrive at is called 'judgment.'"

"Well, mamma, I will try to reason on what I see or hear, and then consult you on the judgment that I have formed."

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