

Father feeds the birds. He will care for us. Our souls are worth more than all else in the world. Be sure that, whatever He does besides, He will never lose sight of you. He careth for you—yes, for YOU.

Whatsoever.

IT was afternoon, and in a certain schoolroom, thirty little heads were bent over the lessons for next day. Silence had reigned for some time, when the teacher got down from the desk, and began to walk through the room, looking over the shoulder of one and another to see how work was progressing. Behind Effie she stopped, for a terribly blotted, badly-written page lay before her, showing Effie's utter indifference to the teacher's good opinion.

As the teacher stood looking, the little one before her wrote on in a defiant way, her very attitude expressing, "I know I'm wrong, but I don't care."

Then the teacher stooped and whispered, "For whom is that exercise?" "For you."

"Do you call that good writing?" "Don't know."

"Did you ever hear of a verse that says, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord?' Do you think 'Whatsoever' takes in writing?" "Don't know; suppose so."

The teacher passed on; returning a few minutes later, she found the page re-written so neatly, and a humble little face looked up as Effie whispered, "Will that do?"

Dear little people, and grown-up ones too, who read this, will you remember that nothing is too small to be included in that "Whatsoever;" and if we follow out the command we shall find our lives wonderfully glorified, and filled with happy service for our Master.

BE CAREFULLY KIND,
HUMBLY INCLINED,
ALL OF ONE MIND,
NEVER BEHIND.

Speaking for Us.

A GENTLEMAN talking to a Sunday school infant class, asked what was the meaning of Christ "making intercession" for us. After a pause, a bright little fellow of six, holding up his hand, answered, "Speaking a word to God for us."

Unkind Words.

A PEBBLE thrown into the lake makes but little noise, but the quiet water is disturbed, and the circles keep spreading, each circle being wider than that before. So an hasty, unkind word, or act, may be felt and grieved over long after it is spoken.

See what the Bible says about good words:—"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in baskets of silver." Prov. 25: 14, R. V.

Jesus Only.

[The following little poem was written by a young son of the Publisher of this paper. We know this lad is a lover of the Lord Jesus, and we trust that all through life he may act and speak for "Jesus only."—Ed.]

JESUS came to bleed and die,
Even so that you and I
Should from sin at once be free;
Use my soul, O Lord, for Thee,
So that I may ever say:—

Oh, believe on God's own way!
Now I hope that I shall do
Lots of work, O Christ, for you;
Young and old should do it too.

NORMAN DOW BRIGGS.

(Age, 10 years, 7 months.)

Growth of Sin.

A SINGLE snow-flake is but a very small thing: so one sin may appear of but little consequence. But a number of snow-flakes falling all day long, hiding the landmarks, drifting over the doors, gathering upon mountains to come down in avalanches, and to cover trees, houses, and even whole villages; each one alone may be small, but altogether they are all but irresistible. So sin indulged grows and increases, until it becomes a mighty power.

Dear children, beware of what are called "little sins." There is really no little sin in God's sight. So, watch and avoid the very appearance of evil.

Try.

NONE of us know how much we can do till we try. Some one has humorously written these lines about the foes of little children:—

"*I can't*" is a mean little coward—

A boy that is half of a man;

Set on him a plucky wee terrier

That all the world honours—"I can."

"*No use in trying*,"—nonsense, I say:

Keep trying until you succeed:

But if you should meet "*I forgot*" by the way,

He's a cheat, and you better take heed."

No one is bound to succeed,—the very best men have often failed; but every one is bound to do his best: and when we bravely TRY, difficulties vanish, and we find a strength with us that takes us with surprise.

Let us ever remember that in our own strength our efforts will be a failure. We need strength from God, and He has promised to give it if we ask Him.