

### "Isn't God Good."

A merry group, consisting of mamma, auntie and three little boys, were gathered around a bright fire one winter evening. The two oldest boys were playing around, whilst little three-year-old Buford sat quietly in one corner hugging a pair of shoes, over which he was very happy and delighted. After a little while he looked up with a bright face, and the following sweet thoughts were expressed which proved that his little mind had been busy.

"Mamma, ain't God good?"

"Yes, my child, God is always good."

"Mamma, I love God and I want to give him my shoes."

His little face beamed with joy which must have come from a little heart, overflowing with grateful love to God for his goodness.

Was not this a lesson to the older ones who are so often ungrateful and forgetful of God's loving kindness?

### Golden Keys.

A bunch of golden keys is mine  
To make each day with gladness shine.

"Good morning!" that's the golden key  
That unlocks every day for me.

When evening comes "Good night" I say,  
And close the door of each glad day.

When at table, "If you please,"  
I take from off my bunch of keys.

When friends give anything to me  
I'll use a little "Thank you" key.

"Excuse me," "Beg your pardon," too,  
When by mistake some harm I do.

Or if unkindly harm I've given,  
With "Forgive me!" I shall be forgiven.

On a golden ring these keys I'll bind;  
This is its motto: "Be ye kind."

I'll often use each golden key,  
And a little child polite I'll be.

—Parish Monthly

### Equal to the Emergency.

A lady tells of a funny thing that occurred at her home the other day. It seems her little boy, aged five, wanted badly to go down street with mamma, but was told, perhaps a little sharply, that he could not go because he had been bad and had torn his trousers. "Sissy," aged six, listened to the conversation with wide open and sympathetic eyes, and her heart was evidently with "bruvver."

The lady missed them in a few



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minutes, but was speedily informed of the whereabouts of the aggrieved pair by a shriek from "bruvver." She rushed into the next room, then sank down on the floor, confused with laughter at the funny sight. There was poor "bruvver" on hands and knees, his face wet with tears, and howling dolefully, but not shrinking from the pain inflicted upon him by sissy. That motherly young lady was just behind him, her face expressing the tenderest sympathy, but industriously sewing away at a big rent in the young man's trousers, and every now and then taking a stitch in his fat flesh. The mother separated the hemstitched hero from his trousers, while the baby seamstress hovered around anxiously inquiring "Did Sissy hurt?"

### A Visit To Trout Lake.

If you were asked, What is the climate at Trout Lake? you would open your map, and seeing that it is in the Moosonee Diocese, North-West America, you would answer, "It is very cold there."

And so it is for a great part of the year. But in summer it gets very hot in the daytime, so that Archdeacon Winter can hardly bear it; while at night it freezes.

The Archdeacon gives a most interesting account of his last visit to Trout Lake. The people there were so glad to welcome him, and gave him a grand salute as they ran to meet him.

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ing to be baptized, and numbers of converts and inquirers to be spoken to and taught, so that Mr. Winter could hardly get a minute to himself. But he did not mind this, because he was so thankful to see how eager and glad the Indians were to receive the Gospel. Poor things! they need something to cheer them, for they lead very hard lives in the bitter clime, where they often have nothing to live on but a few wild berries, and no other food, Indeed they have sometimes to walk miles even to find the berries.

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