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## YOUR HEART.

"MAMMA," said little Lucy one day, suddenly looking up from her play, "my heart goes tick, tick all the time, just like papa's watch. Have you got wheels inside of it?"

"No, dear Lucy, but you are more wonderful than any watch ever made."

Then mamma took her little girl on her lap and told her how that what she ate made warm blood, and how the heart sent this warm blood all through her little body, to make flesh and bones, and to keep her well and strong.

She told her that God set her heart beating, and that he will some day say to it, "Stop, little heart," and it will stop. She told her to watch it while it goes beat, and keep it full of good, kind

thoughts, and warm with love to God. And when Lucy wanted to know what would become of her when it would stop beating, her mamma told her that her soul, her real self, would still live on. She told her that those who trust in Jesus will be forever happy with him.



HUSH, my babe, lie still and slumber,—  
Holy angels guard thy bed;  
Heavenly blessings, without number,  
Ever be about thy head.

WITH God's presence and God's promises, a man or a child may be cheerful.

## DOUBLE SEEING.

If any one should say to a boy or girl having bright eyes, open to light and darkness, that they were blind, they would surely say: "Why, no! I see everything around me." But very many of you do not. I've seen bright-eyed girls step on their own saccos lying on the floor, and when they were told of it, say, "O! I did not see it." And I have seen them while hunting for things pull every thing about on bureau and table and declare the book or the thimble or the handkerchief was not there, and some one else would look right after them and find it, and they would say, "I really did not see it." Boys will almost fall over the hoe in the path, and yet, when the father comes home and points to it, the

boy did not see it before, though he may have walked past it and over it twenty times. What is the matter? Well, I think the mind did not see and remember. These children did not pay attention, and it is very unfortunate that they do not. Sometimes this habit of inattention and