

MY CAPTAIN'S ORDERS.

How is it I don't seem to hear you speak bad words? asked an "old salt" of a boy on board a man-of-war.

"O,'cause I don't forget my Captain's orders," answered the boy brightly.

"Captain's orders!" cried the old sailor; "I didn't know he gave any."

"He did," said Jem, "and I keep 'em safe here," putting his hand on his breast. "Here they are," said Jem, slowly and distinctly: "'I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne, nor by earth, for it is His footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.'" Matt. v: 34-37.

"From the good old log-book, I see," said the sailor. "Ah, yes, you've got your orders."

WHO IS PRAYING?

The *Interior* relates the following story of the great revival which occurred in Orange County, New York, in the summer of 1828. In one of four churches—all Presbyterian—the work began without any known cause. The inquiry was made: "Who is praying? This work must be in answer to somebody's prayers." After the work had progressed for some time, it was learned that two old church members, who lived one mile apart, had made arrangements to meet half way between them in a piece of thick bushes every evening at sundown to pray God to revive His work. Their prayers were answered, and one hundred and fifty were added, to the church during the months of July, August, and September.

SIGNS OF A TRUE REVIVAL.

1st. The filling up of the seats in the prayer-meeting by the heads of families.

2d. A spirit of devotion and prayer pervading the young men of the church.

3d. An earnest study of the Scriptures, and a desire on the part of all the members of the Sabbath School.

4th. The 'revival of family worship among those who have neglected it.

5th. A better attendance on the services of God's house on the Sabbath.

6th and last, but not least. A consecration even of the mites of the widow to the cause of missions.

These, we think, are evidences of no mean revival, when they begin to show themselves in any church. They will soon be followed by a striving on the part of the godless to be like-minded.

A LITTLE BOY and girl, each five years old, were playing by the roadside. The boy became angry at something, and struck his playmate a sharp blow on the cheek, whereupon she sat down and began to cry.

The boy stood looking on a minute, and then said:

"I didn't mean to hurt you, Kattie. I am sorry."

The little girl's face brightened instantly. The sobs were hushed, and she sweetly said:

"Well, if you are sorry, it don't hurt me."—*Ladies' Repository*.

A NEGRO MINISTER, widower, who married rather sooner than some of the sisters thought proper and becoming, excused himself as, follows: "My dear brethren and sisters, my grief was greater than I could bear. I turned every way for peace and comfort, but none came. I searched the Scriptures from Ginisee to Revelations, and found plenty of promises to the widder, but narry one to the widerer. And so I took it that the Lord didn't waste sympathy on a man when it was in his power to comfort himself: and, having a first-rate chance to marry in the Lord, I did so again. Besides, brethren, I considered that poor Betsy was just as dead as she would ever be."

UNIFORM LESSONS.—1874.

June	7.	The Serpent of Brass	- -	Num. 21: 4-9
"	14.	The True Prophet	- -	Deut. 18: 9-16
"	21.	The Death of Moses	- -	Deut. 34: 1-12
"	28.	Mercies Reviewed	- -	Deut. 8.
July	5.	The Beginning of the Gospel	Mark 1:	1-11
"	12.	The Authority of Jesus	-	Mark 1: 16-27
"	19.	The Leper Healed	- -	Mark 1: 38-45
"	26.	The Publican Called	- -	Mark 2: 13-17