



### THE OPEN ARK.

Come to the ark!—come to the ark!  
To Jesus come away,  
The pentecost walks forth by night,  
The arrow flies by day.

Come to the ark!—The waters rise,  
The seas their billows rear;  
While darkness gathers o'er the skies,  
Behold a refuge near!

Come to the ark!—All, all that weep,  
Beneath the sense of sin;  
Without, deep calleth unto deep,  
But all is peace within.

Come to the ark—ere yet the flood,  
Your lingering steps oppose;  
Come, for the door which open stood,  
Is now about to close.

### DAYS WITHOUT NIGHTS, AND NIGHTS WITHOUT DAYS.

Dr. Baird, in his lectures at Hartford, Conn., gave some interesting facts. There is nothing that strikes the stranger more forcibly, if he visits Sweden at the season of the year when the days are longest, than the absence of it before his arrival. He arrived from Stockholm from Gottenburg, 400 miles distant in the morning, and in the afternoon went to see some friends—had not taken notes of time—and returned at midnight; it was as light as it is here half an hour before sundown. You could see distinctly! But all was quiet in the streets. It seemed as if the inhabitants had gone away or were dead. No signs of life—stores closed. The sun in June goes down in Stockholm a little before 10 o'clock. There is great illumination all night, as the sun passes round the earth towards the North Pole, and the refraction of its rays is such that you can see to read at midnight. Dr. B. read a letter in the forest near Stockholm, at midnight, without artificial light.

There is a mountain at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, where, on the 21st of June, the sun does not go down at all. Travellers go up there to see it. A steamboat goes up from Stockholm for the purpose of carrying those who are curious to witness the phenomenon. It only occurs one night. The sun goes down to the horizon, you can see the whole face of it, and in five minutes it begins to rise.

At the North Cape 72 deg., the sun does not go down for several weeks. In June, it would be about 25 degrees above the horizon at midnight. The way the people there know that it is midnight, they see the sun rise. The changes in those high latitudes, from summer to winter, are so great, that we can have no

conception of them at all. In the winter time, the sun disappears, and is not seen for five or six weeks. Then it come and shows its face. Afterwards, it remains for ten, fifteen, or twenty minutes, and then descends, and finally it does not set at all, but makes almost a circle around the Heavens. Dr. Baird was asked how they managed in regard to hired persons, and what they considered a day? He could not say, but supposed they worked by the hour, and twelve hours would be considered a day's work.

Birds and animals take their accustomed rest at the usual hour. The doctor did not know how they learn the time, but they had, and go to rest whether the sun goes down or not. The hens take to the trees about 7 o'clock, P. M., and stay there until the sun is well up in the morning, and the people get into this habit of late rising too. The first morning Dr. Baird awoke in Stockholm, he was surprised to see the sun shining into his room. He looked at his watch, and found it only 3 o'clock; and the next time he awoke it was 5 o'clock, but there was no person in the streets. The people are not in the habit of rising so soon. The Swedes in the cities are not very industrious, owing, probably, to the climate.



### A GOOD RESOLUTION.

To do as I'm bid, I'll certainly try,  
For my parents are older and wiser than I.

This was a good resolution of a little boy whose name was Thomas, and who had been quite sullen and unhappy, because his mother wished him to do something which he would rather not do. He had often made such a resolution before, but when the time came to keep it, the same sullen and disobedient spirit would rise and his resolution would prove as weak as ever.

Now he has begun on a new plan. He asks help from one who is stronger than the strongest. He prays to God for grace to enable him to obey. He asks for an *obedient heart*. If he gets this, as he surely will if he asks properly, he gets good tempers with it, for it is out of the heart that evil tempers come. If the fountain is sweet, the waters that flow from it cannot be bitter.—*Youth's Penny Gazette*.

### CLEANLINESS.

Though I am not seen,  
I still will be clean.

The habit of cleanliness is very important to our health, as well as very pleasant to those with whom we have anything to do.

A slovenly child is sometimes washed and dressed up, to go to a public meeting, and those who see him then hardly know him, because he has been so changed by pure water and clean clothes.

But a neat child does not want to be washed or dressed up every time he is to be seen. He may have on old clothes, or patched clothes, or clothes that do not fit him; but they are clean and tidy, and no one is afraid to touch him, or to let him take anything into his hand.

Now what we want to impress upon the minds of our young readers is, that the only way to be neat when we want to appear so, is to have the *habit of neatness*.—*Youth's Penny Gazette*.

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