The Family.

What will the Harvest be?

They are sowing their seed in the daylight fair,
They are sowing their seed in the noonday's glare;
They are sowing their seed in the soft twilight;
They are sowing their seed in the solemn night,
What shall their harvest be?

They are sowing their seed of pleasant thought,
In the Spring's clear light they have blithely wrought;
They have brought their fancies from wood and dell,
Where the mosses creep, and the flower-buds swell.
Rare shall the harvest be.

They are sowing the seed of word and deed,
Which the cold know not, nor the careless heed;
Of the gentle word and the kindest deed,
That have blest the heart in its sorest need.
Sweet shall the harvest be.

And some are sowing the seeds of pain;
Of hate, remorse, and a maddened brain;
And the stars shall fall, and the sun shall wane
Ere they root the weeds from the soil again.
Dark will the harvest be.

And some are standing with idle hand;
Yet they scatter seed on their native land.
And some are sowing the seeds of care,
Which their soil hath borne, and still must bear.
Sad will the harvest be.

They are sowing the seed of noble deed,
With a sleepless watch and an earnest heed;
With a ceaseless hand o'er the earth they sow,
And the fields are whitening where'er they go
Rich will the harvest be.

Sown in darkness, or sown in light,
Sown in weakness, or sown in might,
Sown in meekness, or sown in wrath;
In the broad work-field, or the shadowy path,
Sure will the harvest be.

A Tiger Story.

Lucy and Fanny were two little girls, who lived with their papa and mamma in London. When Lucy was six, and Fanny five years old, their uncle George came home from India. This was a great joy to them; he was so kind, and had so much to tell them about far-away places, and strange people, and animals, and things such as they had never seen. They never wearied of hearing his stories, and he did not seem to weary either of them.

One day, after dinner, they both climbed on his knees, and Lucy said:

"O uncle, do tell us a tiger story! We have seen a living tiger in the Zoological Gardens; and what a fierce-looking animal it was! We were afraid to go near the bars of its iron house. Uncle, did you ever see them in India?"

"Yes, indeed, I have, both alive and dead, and very fierce they were."

"Do tell us about them then, uncle. Do not tigers sometimes run away with little children?"

"Yes, if they are very hungry, and can get near them without being seen. I will tell you a story about a tiger and a baby which happened to some friends of my own."

"Oh that will be nice."

"Well, this gentleman and lady had one sweet little baby, and they had to take a very long journey with the child, through a wild part of India. There were no houses there, and they had to sleep in a tent. This is a kind of house made of cloth, by driving high sticks firmly into the ground, and then drawing curtains all over them. It is very comfortable and cool in a warm country where there is no rain, but there are no windows or doors to shut, as we have at night to make all safe. One night they had to sleep in a very wild place, near a thick wood. The lady said, 'Oh I feel so afraid to-night; I cannot tell you how frightened I am. I know there are many tigers and wild animals in the wood! and what if they should come upon us?' Her husband replied, 'My dear, we will make the servants light a fire and keep watch, and you need have no fear; and we must put our trust in God.' So the lady kissed her baby, and put the child into the cradle, and then she and her husband kneeled down together, and prayed to God to keep them from every danger; and they repeated that pretty verse, 'I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, only, makest me to dwell in safety.'

"In the middle of the night the lady started up with a loud cry, 'Oh, my baby! my baby! I dreamed just now that a great tiger had crept below the curtains, and run away with my child!' And when she looked into the cradle the baby was not there! Oh, you may think how dreadful was their distress! They ran out of the tent, and there in the moonlight they saw a great animal moving toward the wood, with something white in his mouth. They wakened all the servants who got loaded guns and all went after it into the woods. They went as fast, and yet as quietly as they could, and very soon they came to a place where they saw through the trees that the tiger had lain down and was playing with the baby, just as pussy does with a mouse before she kills it. The baby was not crying, and did not seem hurt. The poor father and mother could only pray to the Lord to help; and when one of the men took up his gun the lady cried, 'Oh, you will kill my child!' But the man raised his gun and fired at once, and God made him do it well. The tiger gave a loud howl and jumped up, and then fell down again, shot quite dead. Then they all rushed forward, and there was the dear baby quite safe, and smiling, as if it were not at all afraid."

"O uncle, what a delightful story! And did the baby really live?"

"Yes; the poor lady was very ill afterward, but the baby not at all. I have seen the child often since then."

"Oh, have you really seen a baby that has been in a tiger's mouth?"

"Yes, I have, and you too."

"We, uncle! When have we seen it?"

"You may see him just now."

The children looked all around the room, and then back to uncle George, and something in his eyes made Lucy exclaim, "Uncle, could it have been yourself?"

"Just myself."

"Is it true that you were once in a tiger's mouth? But you do not remember about it?"

"Certainly not; but my father and mother have often told me the story. You may be sure that often when they looked at their child afterward, they gave thanks to God. It was he who made the mother dream, and awake at the right minute, and made the tiger hold the baby by the clothes so as not to inflict any hurt, and the man fire so as to shoot the tiger, and not the child. But now good-night, my dear girls, and before you go to bed pray to God to keep you safe, as my friends did that night in the tent."

"But, uncle, we do not live in tents; our nursery door shuts quite close, and there are no tigers going about here. The man in the gardens told us that his one was quite safe locked up."

"Yes, my love, but there are many kinds of danger in this world, and we need God to take care of us here quite as much as in India. Good-night, and learn by heart my mother's favorite verse, 'I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, makest me to dwell in safety.'"

Paid in your Own Coin.

"Grandmother, I hate to go away from you; you like me, and nobody else does. Last night George Redin and I had a quarrel. I struck him and he struck me. Nobody likes me."

Peter Jones said this as he was sitting on his trunk, ready to set out for home.

"He only paid you in your own coin," said grandmother; "people generally do—a blow for a blow, cross words for cross words, hate for hate."

"I don't know but it is so," said Peter, looking very sorry, "but it is a very poor sort of coin, I think."

"How different it would be if your pockets were full of the right sort of coin," said grandmother.

"What kind?" said Peter.

"The coin of kindness," said his grandmother. "If the great pockets of your heart were full of that sort of coin, the more you paid away the more you'd get back; for you are generally paid in your own coin, you know, then how happy you would be."

"The coin of kindness," repeated Peter, slowly; that is a good coin, isn't it? I wish my pockets were full of it, grandmother. If I'd be kind to the boys they'd be kind to me."

"Just so," said grandmother.

Peter's own mother had died. After that he was sent to grandmother's, for he had a quarrelsome, fretful temper, and his aunt could not manage him with the other children. His grandmother dealt kindly and patiently with him, and helped him to improve himself. Peter now had a new mother and his father had sent for him to come home. Peter did not want to go. He felt sure he should not like his new mother, and that she would not like him.

"That depends upon yourself, Peter," said grandmother; "carry love and kindness in your pocket, and you'll find no difficulty."

The idea struck the boy's mind. He wished he could, he said.

"And the best of it is," said grandmother "if you once begin; saying it out your pockets will never be empty, for you'll be paid in your own coin. Be kind and you'll be treated kindly; love, and you'll be loved."

"I wish I could," said Peter.

All the way home he, more or less, thought of his grandmother's advice. I do not know about his welcome home, or what his father or new mother said to him.

The next morning he arose early, as he was used to do at grandmother's and came down stairs, when everything being new, he felt very strange and lonely.

"I know I shan't be contented here," he said to himself, "I know I shan't. I'm afraid there's not a bit of love in my pocket."

However, in a little while his mother came down, when Peter, with a pleasant smile ran up to her and said,—

"Mother, what can I do to help you?"

"My dear boy," she said, kissing him on the forehead, "How thoughtful you are! I thank you for your kind offer; and what can I do to help you? for I am afraid you will be lonely here at first, coming from your dear, good grandmother.

What a sweet kiss was that! It made him so happy. "That's paying me in more than my own coin," thought Peter. Then he knew he should love his new mother; and, from that good hour, Peter's pockets began to fill with the beautiful, bright coin of kindness, which is the best "small change" in the world. Keep your pockets full of it, boys and girls, and you will never be in want.—*Juvenile Instructor.*

For the Young.

Carry a thing through. Persevere, don't do anything else. If you once fairly, soundly, wide-awakely begin a thing, let it be carried through, though it cost you your best comfort, time, energy, and all you can command. We heartily abominate this turning backward, this wearying and fainting of soul and purpose. It speaks imbecility of mind, want of character, courage, and true manliness.

Carry a thing through. Don't begin it till you are fully prepared for its accomplishment. Think, study, dig, till you know your ground, see your way. This done, launch out with all your soul, heart and fire; turn neither to the right nor left. Push on gigantically—push on as if creation had been waiting through all time for your especial hand and spirit, and then you'll do something worthy of yourself and kind.

Carry a thing through. Don't leap and dally from one to another. No man ever did anything that way. You can't.

Be strong-minded, Be hopeful, stern and manly.

Don't disgrace yourself by being on this thing to-day, on that thing to-morrow, and on another thing the next day. We don't care if you are the most active mortal living; we don't care if you labor day and night, in season and out, be sure the end of your life will show nothing if you perpetually change from object to object.

Fortune, success, fame, position, are never gained but by piously, determinedly, bravely sticking, growing, living to a thing till it is fairly accomplished.

In short, you must carry a thing through if you want to be anybody or anything. No matter if it does cost you the pleasure, the society, the thousand pearly gratifications of life. No matter for these. Stick to the thing and carry it through. Believe you were made for the matter, and that no one else can do it. Put forth your whole energies. Stir, wake, electrify yourself, and go forth to the task.

Only once learn to carry a thing through in all its completeness and proportion, and you will become a hero. You will think better of yourself—others will think better of you. Of course they will.

The world in its very heart admires the stern, determined doer. It sees in him its best sight, its brightest object, its richest treasure. Drive right along, then, in whatever you undertake. Consider yourself amply sufficient for the deed. You'll be successful. Never fear.

The Unknown Sufferer.

John Harrison was on his way to school. He had been interrupted by visitors, and had not learned his lessons. He was making a vain attempt to get a portion of it as he went along. He would open the book and then try to repeat the passage he had looked at. His success was not very gratifying, if we were to judge from his nervous manner. While he was thus occupied, a pale, thin, ill-clad boy, a little younger than himself, stopped nearly in front of him and spoke to him in a plaintive tone.

"Get out of the way, or I will kick you," said John looking up from his book. His heart smote him the moment his eyes rested on the poor boy's face. But he was worried and angry, and he did not yield to the impulse to stop and speak kindly to the boy and ask him what he wanted.

He went to school. It happened that he was not called up on the lesson which he had not learned. He was thus saved the disgrace of a failure; but he was far from happy. That look haunted him. Whatever way he turned he saw the thin, wan, pale face of the boy he had spoken to so unkindly that morning. He could not study. He was restless, miserable. His teacher saw that something was the matter with him, and kindly inquired if he were ill. John could scarcely refrain from crying as he answered the question in the negative. The manner of the teacher was in such contrast with his manner to the poor boy.

When school was out, some of the boys came around John and asked him what he meant by putting on such a face. "Have you been committing highway robbery, and are expecting the sheriff?" said Allen Forbes. "No!" said Allen, answering the question himself. "What have you been doing to make you look so sober?"

John wanted to tell them what he had been doing. It would have been a relief to him to have confessed his unkindness to the poor boy. He knew that he would have no sympathy if he were to confess, and it would do no good to the wan, pale faced boy.

He resolved that he would never do so again. He resolved to find said boy if he could, and beg his pardon, and see what he could do for him. But he never saw him again. It was long before his sad face was forgotten by John. How much bitterness he had added to the sorrows pressing on that young heart, he never knew.—*S. S. Times.*

Out of the Mouth of Babes.

When Mr. Whitefield was preaching in New-England, a lady became the subject of Divine grace and her spirit was peculiarly drawn out in prayer for others. She could persuade no one to pray with her but her little daughter, about ten years of age. After a time it pleased God to touch the heart of the child, and give her the hope of salvation. In a transport of holy joy she then exclaimed:

"O mother, if all the world knew this! I wish I could tell everybody. Pray, mother, let me run to some of the neighbors and tell them, that they may be happy and love the Saviour."

"Ah, my child, said the mother, "that would be useless, for I suppose that were you to tell your experience, there is not one within many miles who would not laugh at you and say it was all delusion."

"O mother," replied the little girl, "I think they would believe me. I must just go over to the shoemaker and tell him. he will believe me."

She ran over, and found him at work in his shop. She began telling him that he must die, that he was a sinner, and that she was a sinner, but that her blessed Saviour had heard her mother's prayers, and had forgiven all her sins; and that now she was so happy she did not know how to tell it."

The shoemaker was struck with surprise, and his tears flowed down like rain; he threw aside his work, and by prayer and supplication sought mercy. The neighborhood was awakened, and within a few months more than fifty persons were brought to the knowledge of Jesus and rejoiced in the power of his grace.

The Little Quaker Boy's Wish.

All our readers have at one time or other expressed a wish for something. Now we want to tell you of the wish of a little Quaker boy. He was once in a congregation of Friends, who had assembled for the purpose of worshipping God. They do not preach, as most ministers do, at a set time, but they sit still until they think they are moved by the Holy Spirit, and then any one in the congregation, whether male or female, may stand up and say what he or she desires. This congregation had been sitting in silence for a long time, when a little boy, between five and six years of age, stood up upon the seat, and folding his hands together, with a childish lisp gave utterance to the following:

"My friends! I wish the Lord would make us all gooder, and gooder, and *gooder*, till there is no bad left."

He then took his seat.

Have you, my dear reader, ever had a wish like this of the little Quaker boy? If you have not, let me entreat you from this time forth to make it your daily prayer, that God for Jesus' sake, would "take *all* the bad from *your* hearts, until there is *none left.*" Pray that, as you grow in age, you may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—*The Child's Own Magazine.*

Economizing Coal.

The *Scientific American* gives the following useful hints upon this subject, which are confirmed by every one's experience who understands the philosophy of coal fires:

"A good bright fire can be steadily maintained with coal with less trouble than with any other kind of fuel, but not by raking, poking and piling in green fuel continually. After breakfast the fire should be cleared of ashes, if there are any, and fresh fuel put on to fill the grate moderately. Let the oven damper be turned up, so as heat it, and leave the small top door open, more or less, according to the intensity of the heat required. In this way air enters over the top of the fire, and maintains a far better combustion and consequently greater heat than when the draft dampers are thrown open. A washing can be done or 'ironing' accomplished with one-third less coal than is generally thought necessary to use. So far as sifting ashes for the cinders they contain is concerned, it is hopeless to expect much change. Hundreds of poor families in cities live off of the waste of their improvident neighbors, and in this way there is something used which would otherwise be lost; but it seems to us that charity should be practiced in a different and more positive manner. If the proverb be true that 'Charity begins at home,' then we have a still stronger argument against the wasteful practice. Cinders will burn admirably in small cylinder stoves, and heat a nursery or a laundry as hot as it should be. Every shovel full saved is a shovel full of coal put in the cellar, and a hint to the wise is enough on this point."

Smoky Chimneys.

A correspondent of the *London Builder* gives the following cure for a great and common evil:

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