

said, "Because you ran and told me at once without waiting to be asked about it, I will forgive you."

Ellie was sorry still for doing it, but she was not afraid her mother would be angry any more. And it made her try after that not to be careless.

There are many things which you do wrong, and which grieve your Heavenly Father. Even if you do not wish to do them, you forget, and are careless, like Ellie. And this makes you fall into sin. It is sin to forget God's commands. When you think, and remember you have displeased your Saviour, what do you do? Some children think that if their parents do not blame them, God does not mind. But God sees things which your mother cannot see. He has seen your thoughts, He sees when mother is not near. And God writes down our sins in His book, and it will be opened at the last day, and all will be told, and every one will know why sinners are punished.

There is a happy way to have all our sins forgiven. Do what Ellie did, and do it at once. Do not wait a minute. If you do or say what is wrong, go to your own little room, kneel at your chair or bedside, and tell it all to Jesus. O, my child, don't say "No one knows." God knows; but He says you must tell it to Him, that He may see you don't want to hide your sin.

Then He will forgive you. He will look at your sin no more. If a man on the sea dropped a stone out of the ship, and it sank in the waves, it could not be seen any more. God says "He will cast our sins into the depths of the sea." He says, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin."

A little child that is forgiven may look up to God with a sunny face, and feel sure God is love.

And that will make him very careful not to sin again. For Jesus our Saviour bled on the Cross for sinners. No loving child would like to grieve so kind a Saviour.

Advent.

The last Sunday in November is this year the first Sunday in Advent. You all know that Advent means coming. The four weeks before Christmas are called Advent weeks because they come before the great day called Christmas, on which we celebrate the birth in human form of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But that is not all. At the Advent season our Church looks forward as well as backward—forward to our Lord's second coming in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, forward to that glorious day when there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain. That will be a blessed time. But if we wish to share in the blessings of that day we must begin now to get ready for it. If we would be on the Lord's side then, we must be on His side now.

Oh, children, remember that now is all the time there is. Yesterday has gone forever. We cannot call it back. To-morrow has not come, and it may never come for us; but to-day is ours. To-day make up your minds that you will be indeed Christ's faithful soldiers and servants to your lives' ends. Then you will have no reason to think of our Lord's second coming with dread, because when Christ, who is our Life, shall appear, you also shall appear with Him in glory.

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The Boy who Tried.

Many years ago a boy lived in the west of England. He was poor. One day, during play-hour, he did not go forth with the other lads to sport, but sat down under a tree by a little brook.

He put his head upon his hand and began thinking. What about? He said to himself, "How strange it is! All this land used to belong to our family. Yonder fields and that house and all the houses round were once ours. Now we don't own any of this land, and the houses are not ours any longer. Oh, if I could but get this property back!" He then whispered two words—"I'll try." He went back to school that afternoon to begin to try. He was soon removed to a super-

ior school, where he did the same. By-and-by he entered the army and eventually went to India as an officer. His abilities, but still more his energy and determination, secured promotion. He became a man of mark.

At length he rose to the highest post which a person could occupy in that land—he was made Governor-General. In twenty years he came back to England and bought all the property which had once belonged to his family. The poor west of England boy had become the renowned Warren Hastings!

What's in a Word.

"Rob," said Tom, "which is the most dangerous word in the English language, to pronounce?" "Don't know," said Rob, "unless it is a swearing word." "Pooh!" said Tom, "it is stumbled; because you are sure to get a tumble between the first and the last letter." "Ha, ha!" said Rob; "now I've one for you. I found it one day in reading the paper. What is the longest word in all the English language?" "Valetudinarianism," said Tom, promptly. "No, sir; it's smiles, because there's a whole mile between the first and last letter." "Ho, ho!" cried Tom, "that's nothing; I know a word that has over three miles between its beginning and ending." "Now, what's that?" asked Rob, faintly, "Beleaguered," exclaimed Tom, triumphantly.

—The year of greatest growth in boys is the seventeenth; in girls, the fourteenth. While girls reach full height in their fifteenth year, they acquire full weight at the age of twenty. Boys are stronger than girls from birth to the eleventh year; then girls become superior physically to the seventeenth year, when the tables are again turned and remain so. From November to April children grow very little and gain no weight; from April to July they gain in height, but lose in weight, and from July to November they increase greatly in weight, but not in height.—*British Medical Monthly.*

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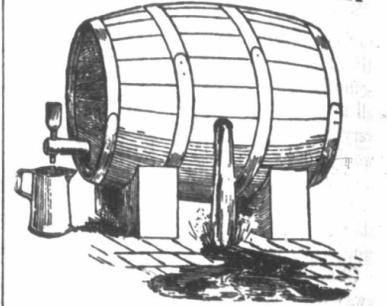
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