

PRAYING AND DOING.

'Bless the poor children who have no bed to-night,' prayed a little boy, just before he lay down in his nice warm cot on a cold windy night.

As he arose from his knees his mother said: 'You have just asked God to bless the poor children. What will you do to bless them?'

The boy thought a moment. 'Why if I had a hundred cakes, enough for all the family, I would give them some.'

'But you have no cakes. What, then, are you willing to do?'

'When I get money enough to buy all the things I want, and have some over, I'll give them some.'

'But you haven't enough money to buy all you want, and perhaps never will have. What will you do to bless the poor now?'

'I will give them some bread.'

'You have no bread. The bread is mine.'

'Then I could earn some money and buy a loaf myself.'

'Take things as they are now. You know what you have that is your own. What are you willing to give to help the poor?'

The boy thought again.

'I'll give them half my money. I have seven pennies; I'll give them four. Wouldn't that be right?'

HALF WAY.

One summer afternoon, when Mrs. R. was very busy, her little daughter Annie was somewhat of a hindrance, so she said to her: 'Annie dear, suppose you go to papa's office and stay with him.'

Always promptly obedient, Annie at once went. By and by her equally busy papa said to her: 'Annie, I think you had better run home to mamma now.'

Annie felt, with the unerring instincts of a child, that neither her mamma nor her papa wanted her:

Both hurt and perplexed, she settled the difficulty in her own mind by determining upon a half way policy. Accordingly she seated herself quietly just half way between her father's office and the house.

Presently, the grandmother, always on the lookout for the child, spied her sitting there flat on the ground, looking listless and desolate. Surprised, and wondering at so unwanted a proceeding on Annie's part, she called to her, 'Annie, child, what in the world are you sitting there for?'

The pent up feelings of the little heart overflowed as she sobbed, 'Well, grandma, mamma didn't want me and sent me to papa, and papa didn't want me and sent me back to mamma, and I thought I had better stay half way between them, so I'm sitting here.'—*Mid-Continent.*

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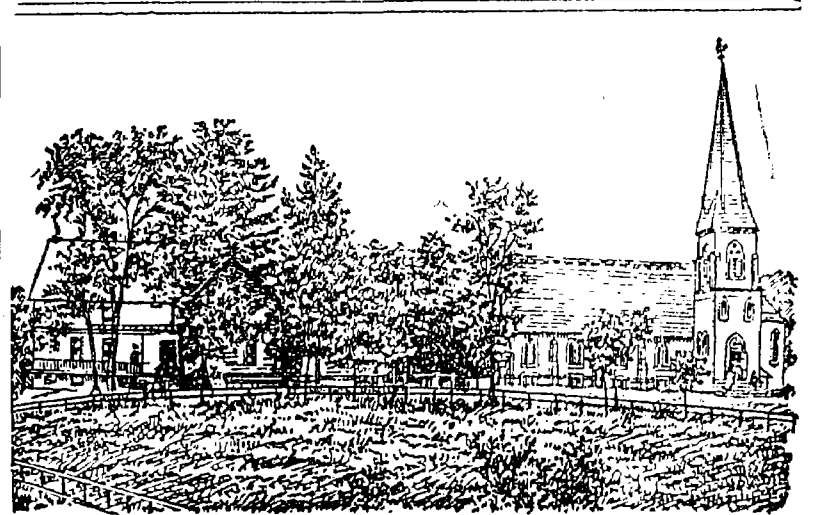
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