

him. No sooner had he dressed, than off he ran to his mamma's room with his two books under his arm. Then he read his first lessons in his birthday Bible and text-book with his mother's arm around him, and so he went down to breakfast, happy, and yet resolved to obey the lessons which his text book had taught him on the morning of his tenth birthday.

Bob and His Pet.

Bob was only a poor match-seller. He had often hardly enough to eat, and his clothes were ragged and old. But his heart was true and warm. Bob never could bear to see others suffer, though he could bravely endure want for himself.

One day he saw a poor little shivering dog in the street, who crept up to him for warmth and shelter as he sat on a door-step for a few minutes' rest. The boy offered it some of the roll he was eating, which the half-starved little animal quickly swallowed. When Bob moved away, the dog followed him, till at last he took it up in his arms, saying, "Well, Tiny, if you want me, I'll take you, and we'll be friends. I dare say I can earn enough for us both."

Bob was now more active than ever in selling his matches, and he said he thought good luck had come to him with Tiny, for he sold more than ever before; while the little dog was a real comfort to him, for he had no one else on earth to love.

Kindness, even to animals, never loses its reward. One day a gentleman seeing the boy fondling the dog, called him in, and liking his honest face, offered him regular work, so that both Bob and his pet were well provided for.

Red Wing.

Red Wing was an old Indian. He had a fierce, dark face; and he did not love the white men nor the missionaries very much. But little Ellen, the missionary's child, was never afraid of him. She would run to him, whenever he went by, and would try to talk to him, in her little way, which he could not understand. But he seemed pleased to have such a little friend; and he would even smile, sometimes, when she ran up to him. Ellen's mamma felt a little afraid sometimes when she saw the fierce face of old Red Wing leaning down close to her dear little girl. Yet she wanted the Indians to know that the white people loved them, and were friendly to them. The missionary and his wife had gone there to teach the Indians about Jesus. Red Wing would not listen when the missionary talked. He did not care to know about the true God. He used to look very cross when they asked

him to go to church. But one day he was riding past the missionary's house with other Indians. They stopped to speak to the missionary's wife; and out ran little Ellen, to see them. She went up to old Red Wing, and put out her little hand, to pat his horse. "Red Wing," she said, in her broken way, "I love you. I say 'God bless Red Wing' every night. Red Wing say prayer too?" She asked this so sweetly, that every one wished the old Indian could understand her. One of the other Indians told him what the child said. He smiled and nodded his head at her. The next Sunday Red Wing was at church. He went to say his prayer, as Ellen had asked him. So little Ellen was a missionary for Jesus; and the old Indian learned to love God.—*The Shepherd's Arms.*

"Down Again!"

"There! Poor old fellow, he is down again!" said the cabman coolly, as the miserable horse he was driving suddenly fell down on the slippery road.

It was a dull, foggy evening, and he was just turning away from the railway station with his fare. The cabman got down from his box, and some

men who were standing near helped him to raise the poor creature, which was soon on its feet again, pulling the cab across the great city.

One always feels such pity for the poor cab-horses; they seem to have the most unhappy life of any other creature. Always standing about the cold, dull streets, or driven along the hard pavement, often with blows and hard words; while their stables are not very comfortable, and they have very little food. No wonder they look thin and tired, and often tumble down on the slippery streets.

—If each man had the spirit of self-surrender, the spirit of the cross, it would not matter to him whether he were doing the work of the main-spring or of one of the inferior parts.

—Goodness expands the heart, and makes it humble. The larger, the better, the nobler your heart is, the more you will be inclined to make allowance for others, and the more you will say and feel: "God be merciful to me a sinner!"—*Robertson.*

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