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### LAWRENCE AND HIS BANK.

Lawrence B. . . . , about nine years old, surprised his grandma the other day, by asking if he might give *all* the contents of his bank to the cause of missions. The boy had his home with his grandparents, and this bank contained all his little earnings.

"Why, surely not *all*," said his grandma. "By and by you will need pencils, or ball, or knife, and have nothing to buy with. I should think it would be more prudent to give half or a third than the whole."

"But I wish to give the whole," persisted the boy. "I want to send some Bibles to those who have not any, and I want to send some poor children to school where they may learn about Jesus."

Grandma felt that she had nothing better or more noble than this to propose, so she said, "Well, I will see about it."

After this grandma and grandpa talked it over together, and they said, "If our boy has it in his heart to make this offering to the Lord, we must not hinder him."

A few days later, grandpa had a talk with Lawrence about it; but he had not changed his mind at all. He could not think of saving anything for himself while there were so many children who had no Bible, and had never heard of Jesus; so grandpa told him to give it all, and he would add enough to make it five dollars. He had but a little more than a dollar to

add, for the bank contained almost four dollars.

A few days after came the mite-box opening. Lawrence had a piece to recite on the occasion, which began:—

Should you wish to know the best use of a penny,  
I'll tell you a way that is better than any;  
Not on apples and cakes and candy to spend it,  
But far over the seas to the heathen to send it.

—*Sol.*

### HOW TO GO TO JESUS.

One evening, after a children's service, a teacher was talking to a young girl who was weeping for her sins, but could not feel that she was pardoned.

"Suppose," said he, "that Jesus were in this room; what would you do?"

"I would go to him at once," she replied.

"And what would you tell him?"

"That I was a lost sinner."

"And what would you ask him?"

"Oh, I would ask him if he would forgive me."

"And what would Jesus answer?"

She hesitated for a moment, and then she looked up, smiling through her tears, for at once she saw it all:

"Why," she said "he would answer, 'Yes.'"

And, simply trusting in the Saviour's word, she went to him there and then, and Jesus said, "Yes."

### BAD BARGAINS.

Once a Sabbath-school teacher remarked that he who buys the truth makes a good bargain, and inquired if any scholar recollected an instance in Scripture of a bad bargain.

"I do," replied a boy, "Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage."

A second said, "Judas made a bad bargain when he sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver."

A third boy observed, "Our Lord tells us that he makes a bad bargain who, to gain the whole world, loses his own soul."