

inflammation, fever, and small-pox, often chain you to the sick bed for a time, and keep you from the Sabbath-school; but the fangs of disease will never enter there. No; though in this world death will change your countenances and make your rosy cheeks and chubby lips thin and pale, bedim your sparkling eyes, still your throbbing pulse, stiffen your elastic footfall and pliant joints, extinguish the last glow of genial warmth, and render you a loathsome mass of cold, lifeless clay, but this fell destroyer will then himself be dead and buried in the land of everlasting forgetfulness.

IV. Boys and girls who are God's children may play or seek amusement, but must not go out of the city of God to do so. To be very fond of amusement is not good. Boys and girls do not spend all their time in amusement. Your education and domestic duties engross the largest share of your time and attention. At the day-school, when engaged for hours together learning your lessons, you are allowed a short time for play. At home and during holidays, ample time is afforded you for amusement. But you are not to go out of the city to seek amusement. You must not play on Sabbath. To do so would be sinful; for it would be a breach of the fourth commandment. Besides, you do not need amusement on the Sabbath. It is the day of rest and repose, and the beautiful variety of the Sabbath's duties afford you all necessary recreation. You have no irksome and burdensome duties to perform on Sabbath. You have only to walk or drive a few miles to the Sabbath-school and the sanctuary, and there remain for a few hours to worship God, learn and meditate on his Holy Law. Your playthings, week-day sports, and school-books, must be all laid aside on Saturday night, and must not even be thought of, far less handled and perused on the Lord's day.

On the Continent of Europe you see sanctuaries munificent and costly everywhere, and crowded to overflowing with worshippers; but ah! sad to tell, no Bibles, no Sabbaths, no Sabbath-schools in that unhappy land. Do you not pity the boys and girls that live there? In Canada you have the Bible, the Sabbath, the sanctuary, and the Sabbath-school, but many either have no Bibles or won't read them, many seldom or ever enter the house of God, many don't keep but profane the Sabbath, and many never send their children to the Sabbath-school. If then you are within the city of God, do you not commiserate those poor boys and girls that are still without. Try and be the honoured instruments in the hands of Jesus to bring them in. Is there a boy or girl to whom these remarks have been addressed, who will yet become a Sabbath school teacher, or better and higher still—a missionary such as Ann Hasseltine Judson, who, with her devoted husband, laboured among the heathen in the Burman empire, or like the great Dr. Duff, who has spent a lifetime on the banks of the Ganges for the conversion of the Hindus to the Saviour. Begin now. Begin at home, and God will assuredly bless you. Amen.

### KINDNESS.

'Tis ever meet  
That we should greet  
Each other with an accent sweet;  
For words of love  
Will weapons prove  
The clouds of anger to remove.  
An answer kind  
Will ever find  
A welcome in the human mind;  
While words severe  
But blight and sear,  
They fall like discord on the ear.  
'Tis therefore best  
That there should rest  
No angry impulse in the breast;  
But thoughts all pure,  
Which shall endure  
"For ever faithful, ever sure."  
Let us be true  
And never strew  
Another's path with poisonous dew;  
With love sincere  
Their pathway cheer,  
And golden fruits will soon appear.

—*Dr. Vere Vinig.*