

Carew laid her hand upon a Bible, 'I read—'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.' God's only Son came to this earth and lived a life like yours and mine, and then died upon the cross for us, simply that he might restore us to his Father's image. There was no other way; he died that we might live. You have heard about Christ's life and death, have you not, Ben?

'Yes, I heard about him at school, but I never thought as he had anything to do with me.'

'Ah, that is just it, Ben, you are like many others: you hear the story of the beautiful life of our Lord Jesus Christ, and you hear of his cruel death and his wonderful resurrection from the dead; but you forget that it has anything to do with you. My boy, always remember that Christ loved you, and gave Himself for you. There was a great and good man who died a few years ago. He was a soldier.'

'My father was a soldier,' said Ben, forgetting all his shyness.

'Was he? Well, this good man of whom I speak was a brave, faithful soldier of his Queen, but he was something more. He had taken his place in the ranks of a higher service still, for he was a soldier of the King of kings. He felt that Christ had done so much for him that every day, and all day long, he tried to show his gratitude, and the greatest desire he had was to follow in his Master's steps; to get back the lost likeness to his God by every day becoming a little more like him. If you have read the story of our Lord's life you will remember how he went about doing good. There was never any one in pain or sorrow that Jesus did not help and comfort; and so this good man followed in his Lord's footsteps, and everywhere he went tried to do some good.'

'What was his name?' asked Ben.

'His name was Gordon. He was interested in many things; but do you know, Ben, he loved boys best of all.'

'Did he?' said Ben, looking up astonished.

'Yes, he was never happier than when he was surrounded by poor boys just like you. He devoted all his spare time to them, for he really loved them, and sometimes he called them his 'Hinks.'

'He was kind, wasn't he?'

'Yes, indeed, he was; and I will tell you why I think he liked to call them 'kings.' In the Bible those who love and serve God best are spoken of as 'kings,' and he longed to help these boys to grow up good and true, that they too might be kings, and worthy of their name.'

'I'd like to have known him,' said Ben.

'That cannot be, Ben, for this good man was killed far away from his home and country. Even there, he died for the good of his fellow creatures.'

'Was he killed? It do seem sad, don't it?'

'Yes, it is a great, deep sorrow to all good Englishmen. Many have felt so much about it that they have

determined to try and raise a lasting memorial to him. Not a marble statue, that would do no one any good, but something that would carry on the work he loved so well. Something for his kings. So a number of good men like himself set to work, and they have founded a Home for boys where they may be trained to be useful men in time to come, and where we hope they too will learn to follow in the Master's footsteps. Do you think, Ben, that you would like to go to such a Home?'

'Me,' said Ben, surprise and pleasure beaming in his face.

'Yes, you, Ben,' said Miss Carew, smiling; 'I want you to think about it very seriously. I would like to help you to grow up good and holy, to follow this great man's example in your simple ways. So you must go home and think over what I have told you, then come again and give me your answer.'

[To be continued.]

A LITTLE SERMON FOR LITTLE PEOPLE.

'If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.'—St. John xiii. 17.

I. 'These things'—that is, your duties—wherever you are:

1. At home, obedience and respect to parents, and kindness to brothers, sisters, and servants.

2. At school, respect to teacher, faithfulness in study, and fairness in play.

3. At church, be quiet, listen, worship, and give your heart to the Saviour.

4. On the street, good manners, modesty, kindness, minding your own business.

II. How should you do your duty?

1. Not for pay. That is a low motive. Some always ask, 'What will you give?'

2. But from love. So did the Saviour when a boy at Nazareth, so the angels do God's will, which is only another name for duty. This will make you do it cheerfully.

3. Better every day. By trying to do your duties you will become more skilful; so you improve your reading, writing and music. St. Peter said, 'Grow in Grace.—Church Work.'

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