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NE day an elegantly dressed lady while stepping from her carriage, dropped a valuable diamond ring into the gutter, where it speedily was buried in the refuse flowing towards the She looked in dismay at the foul and turbid stream which covered her treasure. She appealed to a policeman who stood by, and he consented to help in the search, but he soon gave up the task as a hopeless one. But the lady, knowing the value of the lost jewel, determined that she would herself take up the search. She laid aside her silk mantle, took off her kid gloves, pushed back her ruffles and laces, and bared her arm for the work. A crowd soon gathered, and stood looking, some jeering and laughing; but the lady heeding them not continued her search amid the

filth, until she brought up the precious jewel and carried it away in triumph.

Dear boys, do you not see in this, an illustration of the work of our Saviour? There were lost jewels in this world of sin. He knew their value, for they had been made by him. He was desirous that they should be recovered. But by whom is this to be accomplished? The Law, like the policeman, proved ineffectual. Was the search abandoned? No.

"What the Law could not do" God sent his Son to do. Jesus laid aside all the glory of his exalted position, came down into the world, and amid the astonishment of angels in heaven, and the opposition of men upon earth, he continued and completed the work He began.

Boys you are the jewels for whom Jesus sought, and by His Spirit he still is seeking you. He wishes to lift you out of the mire and filth of sin and give you a place with Himself in Glory. Will you let Him do so? That ring had no power to resist the lady, either in her search, or in placing it upon her finger. You however have this power, and it therefore increases your responsibility.

Don't resist any longer! "Now is the accepted time; behold; now is the day of salvation." 2 Coninthians 6. 3.

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SHAFTESBURY HALL,

Every FRIDAY Evening, at 8 o'clock.

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AS BABES, DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD. 1 Pet. 2. 2.