

did you do next?"
 "I thanked you for it, sir," said Treffy.
 "Yes," said the clergyman, "and would you not like to thank the Lord Jesus for his gift of forgiveness?"
 "Oh!" said old Treffy, with tears in his eyes, "I should indeed, sir."
 So they all knelt down again, and in a few words the clergyman thanked the dear Lord for his great love and goodness to old Treffy, in giving him pardon for his sin.
 And again old Treffy took up the words and added:
 "Thank you, Lord Jesus, very much for the gift; it cost thee thy life; oh! I do thank thee with all my heart."
 "Now, Treffy," said the clergyman, as he rose to go, "if Satan comes to you to-morrow, and says, 'Old Treffy, do you feel you've got forgiveness? perhaps after all it's a mistake,' what shall you say to him?"
 "I think I shall tell him my text," said old Treffy, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin."
 "That will do, Treffy," said the clergyman; "he can't answer that. And remember, the Lord wishes you to *know* you are forgiven, not to *feel* you are forgiven. There is a difference between feeling and knowing. You *knew* you had taken my gift, and you did not know what I meant when I asked you if you *felt* I had given it to you. It is the same with the Lord's gift, Treffy. Your *feelings* have nothing to do with your safety, but your *faith* has a great deal to do with it. Have you taken the Lord at his word? Have you trusted him? That is the question."
 "Yes, sir," said Treffy. "I have."
 "Then you *know* you are forgiven," said the clergyman, with a smile.
 "Yes, sir," said Treffy, brightly, "I can trust him now."
 Then Christie walked up to Treffy, and put the bunch of white snowdrops, in his hand.
 "Miss Mabel gave me them," he said, "and she said I was to say a little prayer whenever I looked at them: 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.'"
 "Whiter than snow," repeated the clergyman; "whiter than snow;

Treffy! that is a sweet word, is it not?"
 "Yes," said old Treffy, earnestly, as he looked at the flowers, "whiter than snow, washed white in the blood of Jesus."
 Then the clergyman took his leave, but, as he was crossing the court, he heard Christie running after him. He had a few of the lovely snowdrops and a sprig of the dark myrtle in his hand.
 "Please, sir," said Christie, "would you like a few of them?"
 "Thank you, my boy," said the clergyman, "I should indeed."
 He carried the snowdrops carefully home, and they taught him a lesson of faith. The seed he had sown in the mission-room had not been lost. Already two poor sin-stained souls had come to the fountain, and had been washed whiter than snow. The old man and the little boy had taken the Lord at his word, and had found the only way into the bright city, into "Home, sweet Home." God had been very good to him in letting him know this. Surely, he would trust in the future.
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