

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' HYMN.

"Just as I am," Thine own to be,  
Friend of the young, who lovest me:  
To consecrate myself to Thee,  
O Jesus Christ, I come.

In the glad morning of my day,  
My life to give, my vows to pay,  
With no reserve and no delay,  
With all my heart I come.

I would live ever in the light,  
I would work ever for the right,  
I would serve Thee with all my might,  
Therefore to Thee I come.

"Just as I am," young, strong and free,  
To be the best that I can be  
For truth, and righteousness and Thee,  
Lord of my life, I come.

With many dreams of fame and gold,  
Success and joy to make me bold;  
But dearer still my faith to hold,  
For my whole life, I come.

And for Thy sake to win renown,  
And then to take my victor's crown,  
And at Thy feet to cast it down,  
O Master, Lord, I come.

—Marianne Farningham.

## DR. DEANE'S LESSON.

BY KATE S. GATES.

"I'll tell you what, Dora, Mason is about the best specimen of a man that I ever met. I like him better and better the more I know him. He is thoroughly sensible and good-hearted, and true to the very letter. I consider his coming to town a real god-send to us all," said Dr. Deane enthusiastically to his sister, coming up and sitting beside her on a porch, after having bidden his friend good-night.

"I am very glad that you have found so pleasant a friend in your new neighbor," she answered cordially. "Is he a Christian man?"

"How should I know? He would not be very apt to say, and I can't ask him point-blank." Dr. Deane's tone was just a trifle sharp as he replied to his sister's question.

"But it seems to me that you know almost everything else about him, Fred; why should you not ask him about the most important matter of all? I am sure the minute you found that he had been in D., you asked him innumerable questions, and seemed so pleased to find that you had mutual friends."

"That is an entirely different matter, Dora."

"But if you are sincere and honest in your professions, it is only a minor matter after all; and, Fred, it seems to me that the world would have greater respect for our faith if we ourselves seemed to value it more highly, if they saw that it really and truly was first in our hearts; don't you?"

"You and I do not agree on these matters," said Dr. Deane stiffly. "I do not believe in everlasting preaching; it does more hurt than good. I believe in letting one's life speak for him."

"So do I," assented his sister earnestly. "I would have every single act testify to one's Christian character and purpose, but I do not think our lips should be sealed on this one topic, nor do I think they will be if we are thoroughly in earnest. 'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh,' you know. You were as interested and anxious as could be to know if Mr. Mason knew the Hildreths and Doanes. Now, Fred, honestly, have you given him reason to suppose you care whether he knows your best friend or not? And yet if you are really sincere and earnest, you ought to care more about that than anything else."

The doctor moved uneasily in his chair, and whistled a strain or two of "Home, Sweet Home," before he replied.

"It all sounds well enough to hear you talk, but I tell you, Dora, men don't expect to be talked to like that under ordinary circumstances," he said presently. "They don't expect it, and they do not want it, either."

"Are you sure that you are honest in saying that you do not expect it? Did you not use to say yourself that you could not see how a sincere Christian could be silent, and let his friends go unwarned and untreated?"

In spite of himself Dr. Deane colored with vexation. He did remember only too well how strongly he had expressed himself more than once on the inconsistencies of Christians in this very respect.

His sister went quietly into the house,

and left him to his own reflections. Conscience told him his duty plainly, though he tried his best to drown her voice.

It seemed to him that there was a conspiracy against him. Time and again in his intercourse with his friend the conversation was turned in such a way that a personal word on the subject would have been the simplest and most natural thing in the world, but not once did the doctor make it.

"I cannot," he said to his accusing conscience. "I cannot; and I wonder what he would say to me if I did!"

And so the days came and went. The two men, living side by side, met every day and exchanged views on every subject but this one. Dr. Deane prayed earnestly in the church prayer-meeting for the salvation of the world, but made no personal appeal to the friend by his side. He prescribed for his physical ailments, but never once did he urge him to seek help for his sin-sick soul.

"I am trying to influence him by my life," he said to his sister. "I am sure that he will come to think of the matter himself one of these days. I might not speak wisely, and so do more hurt than good."

But one day there came a sudden and imperative summons—"Mr. Mason has been seriously hurt, and you must come at once," Dr. Deane obeyed with all possible haste, and somehow his heart sank within him. What if his friend was sick unto death? Oh, if he had only talked with him; if only he had pointed out to him the danger of living without Christ; if only he had urged him to put his trust in Him!

The worst proved true. It was only a question of time, a few hours at the most; and the dying man had no hope in Christ to sustain him in this awful hour.

Taking his friend's hand in his, Dr. Deane did what his conscience had so long been urging him to do.

"Commit yourself to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will lead you safely through the dark valley."

"It is too late for that now, doctor. Why haven't you asked me to do it before?"

Why not? Oh, why not? echoed the doctor's conscience.

"I must die as I have lived. It is too late, too late now," said the dying man again.

Over the dead body of his friend Dr. Deane broke down, and strong man that he was he sobbed like a child.

"God helping me, I will never wait until it is too late again," he said, as he went out from that room, carrying a life-long sorrow and regret with him.—*Morning Star.*

## DEAD CATS IN THE WELL.

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## Question Corner.—No. 7.

## BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. In what city were the disciples first called Christians?
2. In what city were Paul and Barnabas violently persecuted by Jewish men and women?
3. In what city did Paul deliver a memorable discourse on the Areopagus?
4. What city was the scene of the Italian Centurion's conversion?
5. In what city did Paul become acquainted with Priscilla and Aquilla?
6. What city contained the temple that was one of the seven wonders of the world?

## ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS IN NO. 6.

1. Tarshish, Jonah 1: 3.
2. Bethany, Luke 24: 50.
3. Bethsaida, John 1: 44.
4. Chorazin, Matt. 11: 41.
5. Capernaum, Matt. 11: 23, 24.
6. Caesarea Philippi, Mark 8: 27.
7. Nazareth, Matt. 2: 23.

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