

Be a Good boy! Good-bye.

How oft in my dreams I go back to the day,
When I stood at the old wooden gate,
And started to school in full battle array,
Well armed with a primer and slate;
And as the latch fell I thought myself
free,
And gloried, I fear, on the sly,
Till I heard a kind voice lovingly calling
to me—
"Be a good boy. Good-bye."

"Be a good boy. Good-bye." It seems
They have followed me all these years;
They have given a form to my youthful
dreams,
And scattered my foolish fears,
They have stayed my feet on many a brink
Unseen by a blinded eye;
For just in time I would pause and think:
"Be a good boy. Good-bye."

Oh, brother of mine, in the battle of life,
Just starting or nearing its close,
This motto aloft, in the midst of the
strife,
Will conquer wherever it goes.
Mistakes you will make, for each of us
errs,
But, brother, just honestly try
To accomplish your best. In whatever
occurs
"Be a good boy. Good-bye."
—Zion's Watchman.

Just for Fun

Teddy Tumble fell overboard while
watching the boys on the fishing-pier.
Old Captain Tyke gathered him up, and
brought him safely ashore in his row-
boat. The next morning Teddy awoke
rather the worse for his cold bath,
"Both my eyes leak," he said hoarsely,
"and one of my noses won't breathe."

It is said of a noted Virginia judge
that in a pinch he always comes out
ahead. An incident of his childhood
might prove this. "Well, Benny," said
his father, when the lad had been going
to school about a month, "what did you
learn to-day?" "About a mouse, father."
"Spell mouse," his father asked. After
a while Benny answered, "Father, I
don't believe it was a mouse after all;
it was a rat."

The study of definitions presents many
obstacles and difficulties to childish
minds.
"Spell ferment and give its defini-
tion."

"F-e-r-m-e-n-t, ferment, to work," re-
sponded a diminutive maiden.
"Now place it in a sentence, so that I
may be sure you understand its mean-
ing," said the teacher.

"In summer I would rather play out
of doors, than ferment in the school-
house," returned the small scholar with
such doleful frankness and unconscious
humor that the teacher found it hard to
suppress a smile.

The train was crowded. In one com-
partment, a dignified, middle-aged gen-
tleman was trying to read. Among the
passengers was a lady with a very
sprightly little girl who had blue eyes,
a head of glistening gold, and an inquisi-
torial tongue. She asked the dignified
gentleman innumerable questions and
played with his watch chain.

The mother fairly beamed upon him.
He was becoming nervous, and, turning
to the lady, said:

"Madame, what do you call this sweet
child?"

The mother smiled, and replied:
"Ethel."
"Please call her, then."

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