

THE CHILDREN'S PORTION.

BAD BARGAINS.

A teacher in a Sabbath-School once remarked that he who buys the truth makes a good bargain and inquired if any scholar recollected an instance in scripture of a bad bargain. "I do", replied a boy. "Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage." A second said, "Judas made a bad bargain when he sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver." A third boy observed, Our Lord tells us that he makes a bad bargain who, to gain the whole world, loses his own soul! A bad bargain indeed!

THE CHILD IN HEAVEN.

The little child who loves to pray,
 And read his Bible too,
 Shall rise above the sky one day,
 And sing as angels do ;
 Shall live in heaven, that world above,
 Where all is joy, and peace and love.

Look up, dear children, see that star
 Which shines so brightly there ;
 But you shall brighter shine, by far,
 When in that world so fair ;
 A harp of gold you each shall have,
 And sing the power of Christ to save.

THE DYING MOTHER TO HER CHILD.

' I am going, my child, to our home above,
 In that better land where all is love ;
 Even now the earth is fading away,
 And I see afar the perfect day.

' Grieve not, my child, for all must die—
 In the cold, dark grave we all must lie ;
 But the spirit of faith bursts its earthly walls,
 And fleets to that land where a Saviour calls.'