

ANOTHER.

Come, dearest Saviour, take my heart,
And let me never from Thee depart;
From every evil set me free,
And all the glory be to Thee.

HIS LITTLE DAUGHTER'S PRAYER FOR HER INFANT BROTHER.

Lord, look on little brother dear,
Safe may he sleep, while thou art near;
Preserve his life to know thy love,
And dwell at last in heaven above.

A MORNING PRAYER.

My waking thoughts I raise to Thee,
Who through the night hast guarded me;
Keep me this day from every ill,
And help me, Lord, to do thy will.

OUR DUTY TO OTHERS.

Love others as you love yourself;
And as you would that they
Should do to you, do you to them;
That is the golden way.—*Presbyterian.*

THE SHORT CANDLE.

As I sat in my chamber, I saw a little girl working by the light of a candle. It was burnt down almost to the socket. I perceived that she plied her needle very fast, and at length I overheard her say to herself, "I must be very industrious, for this is the only candle I have and it is almost gone."

What a moral there is, thought I, in the words of this child! Surely I may learn from it. Life is but a short candle. It is almost gone, and I have no other. How earnestly engaged should I then be in every duty of life! While I have the light of life, how carefully should I be to perform every thing enjoined by my heavenly Master!

1. I ought to be in haste to work out my own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that when this light is extinguished, there is no other allowed to mortals for preparation.

2. I ought to be alive to the immortal interests of my fellow-creatures, working while it is called to-day, striving to bring sinners to the Lord Jesus Christ; for my brief candle is soon to go out, and there can be no conversion of sinners in another world.

3. I ought to be unceasingly active in every act of benevolence, making as many happy as I can, relieving the miserable, and doing good to all within my reach; for this light is soon to be put out, and in the other world the miserable and suffering will be beyond my reach.

4. I ought to use every talent for the glory of God and the kingdom of Christ, working the works of him that sent me, while it is day, because the night cometh in which no man can work.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Eccles. ix. 10.—*Children's Friend.*

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

One morning a young lad set off to go with some thoughtless companions to a place of Sunday amusements. "What am I going to do?" he asked. "I am going to break the Sabbath, suppose God should punish me for my wickedness." This thought so alarmed him, that he turned back and spent God's holy day in a becoming manner.

One afternoon a boy saw a person drop his purse, which he picked up, and was walking off with it, and the money which it contained. "What am I going to do?" came to his mind, and the answer followed, "I am going away with a purse of money that does not belong to me.

This is not honest; I shall be a thief, if I do so. God has said, Thou shalt not steal." In another moment, he ran after the person, and gave up the purse. The man gave him half a dollar; and an honest half-dollar is worth more than a great many dishonest whole dollars.

"What am I going to do?" asked a boy who took his fishing-tackle, instead of his books, and was stealing out of the back door of his father's house. "I am going to play truant, deceive my parents, neglect my school, and go in company of bad boys." The case looked a bad one. He turned about, put away his fishing-tackle, found his satchel, and ran off to school.

"What am I going to do?" asked the Sunday-scholar on his way to Sunday-school. "I am going where the young are trained up to fear God, and keep his commandments. May I be a studious, obedient, attentive scholar, and pray God to make me one of his own dear children.

"What am I going to do?" asks John on Wednesday afternoon. "My mother has given me leave to go and play with the boys. Let me not get angry, or fight, or swear, or call names, or do any mean or wicked thing. Then I shall be happy at my play."

Often ask yourself—and never be afraid to ask —"What am I going to do? A bad act will not bear reflection as a good one will. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to thy right hand or the left: remove thy foot from evil."—*Ex. Paper.*

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