

list, with the largely sustained Juvenile papers of Britain and the States, but, nevertheless, we conceive that we have a distinct sphere to occupy, and that advantage to the Church and to the cause of our Master, may result from our humble efforts in that sphere. We rejoice to think that we have the sympathy and cordial aid of many young friends. Many testify it by their subscriptions to the Orphanage, amounting in the last year to £103 cy., and by their exertions to circulate our paper. We mentioned last month one pleasing instance, and this month, a young friend in sending us 5s, says, "having had the Juvenile paper for the last year and having read it carefully, (we like to hear that) I took it to my school fellows and gave each a number of your useful little paper." We thank this young friend and our other kind readers for their cordial sympathy. Now that our paper is declared free of postage, we trust to reach many localities to which hitherto, an entrance has not been found.

CLEAN HANDS AND STRENGTH.

A LITTLE boy called John washed his hands many times a day, which was a very proper practice. The number of times he went to the hollow stone by the well led his elder brother Henry to ask him why he washed his hands so often. "Because I wish to be strong." "Do you think that washing your hands will make you strong?" "Yes."

At evening, Henry asked John why he thought that washing his hands would give him strength. "Because I read it in the Bible," was the reply.

"Where did you find the passage?" "I will show you," said he, and got the Bible, and read the ninth verse of the seventeenth chapter of Job, "He that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger." John was sure he was right, for the Bible said it. Henry proceeded to explain to him the meaning of the passage, and convinced him that it was to be taken in a figurative sense; that the passage taught, that those who do right, increase in strength to do right.

The truth thus explained made deep impression on John's mind, and it is hoped will make an impression on the reader's. Every time you do right, you increase your power to do right. The highest kind of strength is strength to do right; and this strength comes from God. If we ask him to give it us, he will do it.—*Early Days.*