

Open my understanding, that hearing Thy Holy Word, and faithfully performing the same, I may find in Thee the health and salvation of my soul; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*After Service in Church.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, and grant that what I have said with my lips I may believe in my heart; and that what I believe in my heart I may shew forth in my life. Forgive all my wanderings and inattention in Thy House, and help me day by day to serve Thee better; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WHAT A PENNY CAN DO.

WILLIE'S penny made heaven rejoice. It would not have bought more than a stick or two of candy, or given much help to a starving family. What did he do with it? His sister was a missionary's wife in Africa, and the family were filling a box to send her. As one after another brought their gifts Willie said, "I want to give my penny."

"What shall be bought with it?" was the next question and one not so easy to settle either. At last it was decided to buy a tract and write its history on the margin and with a prayer for its success send it on its distant errand.

The box arrived on the mission ground, and among its valuable contents, Willie's gift was laid away unnoticed, and for a while forgotten. But God's watchful, All-seeing eye had not forgotten it. One day a native teacher was starting from the mission station to go to a school over the mountain. He knew the language well, and was a great help to the missionaries,

but he was not yet a sincere follower of the Saviour. He had resisted everything the missionaries had done to make him yield his heart to God.

In looking over some papers, Willie's tract was discovered, with writing on the margin, which said that prayer was constantly offered in America that it might do good. It was handed to the native teacher. He read it on his journey, and what years of labor by the missionaries had not done, was brought about by the penny tract. The man became a sincere Christian and on his return was baptized into the Church. Those who put the tract in his hand were overcome with joy; and there is, as the Bible tells us, "joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." So you see how Willie's penny made heaven rejoice, and you may learn from the story how even your little offerings are acceptable to God, and may be the means of doing much good to others and also to yourselves, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

CHURCH HISTORY.

LESSON III.—THE FIRST MISSIONARIES.

Q. What was the chief work of the Apostles after the Ascension?

A. Spreading the knowledge of the Gospel in all lands and baptizing believers.

Q. What were they thus carrying out?

A. The command of Christ to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. S. Matt. xxviii., 19.