

coming brown and dry and falling to the ground, leaving the trees bare and lonely. Speak of the harvest time, too, and the reapers gathering the ripe grain, etc. (All these things die only to live again a new life.) The reaper, Death, gathers us into God's storehouse (heaven) one by one, young and old, the little violets and the ripened grain and the big oaks, each having lived the life planned by God.

Death of Joseph—Mention some of the intervening events—the removal of the children of Israel (Jacob) to Egypt, God's promise to Israel, Pharaoh's kindness, the death of Jacob, his burial in the home land. (Joseph obeyed the Fifth Commandment.) Now we come to the close of Joseph's life—forgiving, humble, kind to the end (verses 19-21). Trustful, hopeful, he reminds his brothers that God will be with them and will fulfill all His promises to them. (Explain.)

Golden Text—Jennie Carter going across the sea to England to visit her aunt in London, so busy getting ready, school examinations, flower beds to plant, dollies' new dresses to get, etc. No time to waste! You little people are all starting out on the jour-

ney of life. We all (like Joseph) must come to the end of life. Like Joseph, let us be forgiving, humble, obedient, trustful, kind, wise. Get wisdom from God (James 1: 5). Learn all the good we can, do all the good we can, and so be ready for the beautiful heavenly home across the sea of life, where Jesus is waiting to welcome us.

A Little Girl's Plan—"When I was a little girl I knew an old lady who made everybody unhappy by her bad temper. I made up my mind that, God helping me, I would never be an old lady like her. I determined I would be a sweet, happy old lady whom people would like to have around. I knew if I wanted to be nice when I grew old, I must begin when I was little. So I did and I am at work every day making the old lady I want to be."

Gaining Wisdom—"One thing helped me very much while I was preaching to-day," said a clergyman. "What was that?" inquired a friend. "It was the attention of a little boy who kept his eyes fixed on me and seemed to hear and understand every word I said." Don't you think that little lad was "applying his heart unto wisdom?"

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

By The Editor

A LIFE WELL SPENT

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THE LOVE OF GOD

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ADVANCING GOD'S CAUSE

Death seems to children a long distance away. Nor should we seek to bring it one step nearer by any gloomy description of its terrors. Rather is it to be represented as the passing from a good life here to an infinitely glorious life beyond. The emphasis should be put on living. Those who live aright need give little care to dying. This lesson affords the opportunity of setting forth what goes to make up a well-spent life. Bring out by a brief review (1) How Joseph's life was penetrated through and through by the *love of God*, which love led him to trust and honor and obey God. (2) How it was filled with *useful labor*—the most diligent of men. (3) And *with kindness to his fellow-men*. And (4) how, in bringing his father and brethren into Egypt and caring for them, and in the "commandment concerning his bones," he *advanced God's Kingdom*.