

"GOOD ENOUGH BOYS"

"I MADE a bob-sled according to the directions given in my paper," said Fred Carroll, petulantly, "and it wouldn't run."

"So I believe," said his friend, George Lennon. "You also made a box telephone, and that didn't work."

"How do you account for it?" asked Fred, curiously.

George smiled as he answered quietly. "You did not make them according to directions."

"Didn't I put in everything required? What did I omit?"

"You omitted exactness. When you made the telephone, you did not draw the wire tight, as directed. You left it hanging slack, and when I spoke to you about it, you said it was 'good enough.'"

"I thought it would do."

"Of course you did! Then, in making the sled, you made two mistakes in your measurements. You nailed the forward cross-cleat about six inches from the end, thus interfering with the play of the front bob; and the guards were so low down that a fellow's knuckles scraped the ground. The consequence was, that there was no satisfaction in riding on the sled. It was a 'good enough' sled. Instead of being careful to have every measurement exact, you guessed at some, and made mistakes in others; and to every objection you replied that it was good enough. That generally means no good at all."

How many "good enough" boys are reading these lines? The boy who sweeps his employer's store, and neglects the corners and dark places, is sweeping "good enough." So is the boy who skims his lessons, or does the home chores in a careless fashion.—*Christian Standard.*

TO THE CHILDREN.

OUR Bishops wish you all to do what you can in Lent to help tell about Jesus and his love to the men and women and children in the world, who know very little of Him or have never heard of Him. Our Bishops think, and we think too, that you could do a great deal of good, and shew a great deal of love in this way, that you could bring joy to others and blessings to you own selves. So they have written you a letter which your clergymen will read to you on Sexagesima Sunday, Febru-

ary 1st, telling you what they wish you to do, and how you can do it.

Listen to the letter and remember it so well that many people will thank God that the children of the English Church in Canada keep Lent.

Was not God good to you in sending Christ Jesus to be your Saviour? Is it not good of Him to let all those who love Him, who love Jesus, tell others about His goodness and His love? He too would like you to do so all the time. You can all do a great deal, and we think He wants you to begin now.

Two little eyes to look to God,
Two little ears to hear His word,
Two little feet to walk in His ways,
Two hands to work for Him all my days,
One little tongue to speak His truth,
One little heart for Him now in my youth,
Take them, Lord Jesus, and let them be
Always obedient and true to Thee."

LITTLE ROB'S FIRST DREAM.

I HAVE hardly ever seen or heard anything in baby annals much sweeter than my little Rob's description of his dream the other night. I think I should call it sweet even if somebody else's boy had said it. He had been crying very pitifully in his sleep, and I had to partly wake him to stop the sobbing. In the morning I asked him what it was for, and if he had been dreaming. His eyes grew big and dark. "Fy, mamma, was dat a dream? Is dat what dwears are? Fy, I sought 'tittle Ella fell vay, vay down in a deep, such a deep vell, and we toodent det her out—you, nor papa, nor anybody. And I didn't know what to do, and I cwied. And den I 'mbered, and I wote a letter to Dod to help her, and he des flied down and took her wite out and dave her to us aden! Wasn't dat dood of Him, mamma.—*Minnie C. Hale, in Babyhood.*

A KIND friend one day penned the following lines to me, and as they express much in a few words, I pass them on to the readers of PARISH AND HOME:

"Seek to grow
Upward in Heavenly-mindedness,
Inward in purity,
Outward in usefulness,
Downward in humility." —K.

A VENERABLE observer, writing to an English magazine, says, "I never knew a case of a person or a parish warmly interested in missionary work, where larger blessings of spiritual prosperity were not returned, good measure pressed down and running over."—*Spirit of Missions.*

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