

# Home and School.

## DEEDS OF KINDNESS.

Suppose the little cowslip  
Should hang its golden cup,  
And say, "I'm such a tiny flower  
I'd better not grow up ;"  
How many a weary traveller  
Would miss its fragrant smell,  
How many a little child would grieve  
To lose it from the dell.

Suppose the glistening dewdrop  
Upon the grass, should say,  
"What can a little dewdrop do ?  
I'd better roll away ;"  
The blade on which it rested,  
Before the day was done—  
Without a drop to moisten it—  
Would wither in the sun.

Suppose the little breezes,  
Upon a summer's day, [cool  
Should think themselves too small to  
The traveller on his way ;  
Who would not miss the smallest  
And softest ones that blow,  
And think they made a great mistake  
That heard them talking so ?

How many deeds of kindness  
A little child may do ;  
Although it has so little strength,  
And little wisdom too.  
It wants a loving spirit,  
Much more than strength, to prove  
How many things a child may do  
For others by its love.

## ONLY FOR FUN.

The following lessons should teach us either to joke gently or not at all. The telegrams of last month brought us information of these two sad cases :—

"HAMILTON, Feb. 26.—A most painful accident, resulting from a practical joke, took place on Monday, at the Village of Carlisle, near this city. Miss Hood, a young lady of great personal attractions and high mental attainments, was sitting conversing in her father's parlour with a lady friend, on whose lap she was partly reclining, when a young man came up behind them and suddenly

jerked the chair from beneath her. In attempting to save herself Miss Hood injured her spinal column so severely that she went into convulsions. The doctor, who was summoned, gave his opinion that if her injuries did not prove fatal, her mind would be left deranged from the effects." The young lady has since died.

"TORONTO. — About three weeks ago a youth of 16 put on a mask and went to the house of Mrs. Thompson, Scarborough, and asked for a pair of boots which he said she had. The poor woman, on seeing the hideous mask, fainted, and when she recovered, the figure haunted her mind so that she became insane a few days ago. She has three small children—the youngest only three months."

We remember reading once of a little girl who was waiting with her father at a railway station for some friends, and who amused herself, as the train was slowly coming in, by running backwards and forwards across the track, just for the fun of displaying her courage. At the last attempt, the cow-catcher caught the skirt of her dress, and drew her so that she fell with one of her feet over the rail ; and the loss of a leg was the fearful penalty for her fool-hardiness. We repeat, then—*joke gently, or not at all.*

## INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

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- April 4. Israel's Promise Joshua xxiv : 14-18.  
April 11. The Promise Broken.....Judges ii : 11-16.  
April 18. The Call of Gideon Judges vi : 11-18.  
April 25. Gideon's Army.....Judges vii : 1-8.  
May 2. The Death of Sampson.....Judges xvi : 25-31.  
May 9. Ruth and Naomi.....Ruth i : 16-22.  
May 16. A Praying Mother..1 Samuel i : 21-28.  
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May 30. The Death of Eli..1 Samuel iv : 12-18.  
June 6. Samuel the Judge..1 Samuel vii : 5-12.  
June 13. A King Desired....1 Samuel viii : 4-9.  
June 20. Saul Chosen.....1 Samuel x : 17-24.  
June 27. Samuel's Parting Words.....1 Samuel xii : 20-25.