

any case this must not take place on the anniversary of either the death or the burial of the philosopher Confucius or of the god of letters. The boy receives a new or book name, and with his father enters the school. Here he first bows and burns incense before the tablet of Confucius (one of such tablets always being present in every school). Next he salutes his teacher and presents a money offering, after which he takes his seat at a separate little desk assigned to him. About twenty to forty boys occupy the same room.

JUST A LITTLE.

"Only just a little, a very, very little!" said the brook to the bank.

And the bank was silent, and the brook wore its sides till the earth melted away and the sods floated down the same stream.

"Just a little more, a very little more!" said the brook again.

And the waters pressed against the roots of the willows that grew beyond the bank, and laid them bare.

"Just a little more," said the brook again.

And the widening stream advanced with fresh force till, one by one the willows fell, and were borne away in the torrent.

"Alas!" cried the meadow, as the waters closed in on it, "if I had not neglected the first attack on my bank, my fence would never have been destroyed; but now my protection is gone, and I am rightly served in being turned from a fruitful field into a watery waste."

It is always so with the beginning of evil. Yielded to "just a little," by-and-by it claims the whole.

BE LITTLE SUNBEAMS.

Children, you are household sunbeams; don't forget it, and when mother is tired and weary, or father comes home from his work feeling depressed, speak cheerfully to them and do what you can to help

them. Very often you can help them most by not doing something, for what you would do may only make more work for them. Therefore, think before you speak or act, and say to yourself, "Will this help mamma?" or, "Will this please papa?" There is something inside you that will always answer and tell you how to act. It won't take a minute, either, to decide when you do this, and you will be repaid for waiting by the earnestness of the smile or the sincerity of the kiss that will greet you. One thing remember always—the effect of what you do lingers after you are gone. Long after you have forgotten the smile or cheerful word which you gave your father, or mother, or the little act which you did to make them happy, it is remembered by them, and after you are asleep they will talk about it and thank God for their little household sunbeam.—*Scl.*

A GOOD NAME.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Even unscrupulous men knew the worth of good principles that cannot be removed.

A gentleman turned off a man in his employ at the bank because he refused to write for him on Sunday.

When afterwards asked to name some reliable person he might know as suitable for a cashier in another bank, he mentioned this same man.

"You can depend upon him," he said, "for he refused to work on the Sabbath."

A gentleman who employed many persons in his large establishment, said: "When I see one of my young men riding for pleasure on Sunday, I dismiss him on Monday; I knew such an one cannot be trusted. Nor will I employ any one who occasionally drinks liquor of any kind."

Boys, honour the Lord's Day and all the teachings of the Bible, and you will not fail to find favour with God, and with man also.