

## Children's Department

## A Girl's Essay on Boys.

"Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be young ladies by and by."

"Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam, he said to himself: 'Well, I think I can do better if I try again,' and then he made Eve. God liked Eve so much better than Adam, that there have been more women than men. Boys are a trouble. They wear out everything—but soap. If I had my way, half the boys in the world would be girls, and the rest would be dolls. My papa is so nice, that I think he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy."—*St. Andrew's Church Record.*

## Sins Blotted Out.

I cannot think what becomes of all the sins God forgives, mother," said a little fellow one day, as he took his favorite seat on his mamma's knee.

"Why, Charlie, can you tell me where are all the figures you wrote on your slate yesterday?"

"I washed them all out, mamma."

"And where are they, then?"

"Why, they are nowhere; they are gone," said Charlie.

"Just so it is with our sins; if we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, they are gone, blotted out, to be remembered no more. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

## Boys and Girls.

School days are fairly begun and teachers and pupils have settled down to the work of the year. It was hard at first, but you find the task easier as the time goes on. A great many of you have "passed," as the word is, and find yourselves promoted to higher classes. I hope you have entered them with a sincere desire, as I heard

a boy say not long ago, "to do your level best." It was a slang phrase, perhaps, but as I considered, I thought I saw a good meaning in it. A boy who does "his level best" is a boy who does his best, not by fits and starts, but all the time—not giving a jerk now and then, and going back to a jog-trot, like an ill broken horse, but pulling steadily straight along. Such a boy is a comfort to parents and teachers, and even though he may not be very bright, he is likely to turn out a better scholar than the most talented boy who only works when the humor takes him.

What I have said about day school applies as well to Sunday school. Make up your minds, boys and girls, to do your very best. Do not think of going to your class with your lesson half prepared or not learned at all, any more than you would go to your day school in the same way. Put out of your heads once for all the notion that you are doing anyone a favor by going to Sunday school. The favor is all the other way. The gentleman or lady who is so good as to sacrifice Sunday rest for the sake of teaching your class, has no doubt studied the lesson carefully beforehand, and you insult him or her if, having the opportunity, you do not do the same. Be prompt in your attendance, quiet and attentive, determined to do your full share of the work. Above all, remember that these Sunday school lessons are precious chances for learning your duty to God and your neighbor. They are talents which your Lord gives you, not to waste, not to bury in the ground, but to use faithfully in His service and for your own good, and that for them as well as for all other privileges you must give an account to God.—*Parish Visitor.*

## Only a Cabin Boy.

A big battle was being fought between the English and Dutch navies, Sir John Narborough was the English admiral, and the masts of his ship had been shot away almost directly when the fighting began. In spite of the greatest care and the most splendid bravery, Sir John saw that the English sailors must be beaten unless he could get help. There were a few ships some distance off to the right, but they were to act as a reserve, and would not enter into the battle without a message from him. Sir John stood a moment, and wondered how the message could be sent. It was not possible to signal; there was only one way—the message must be carried.

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