

Children's Department.

OUR SAMUEL.

OR, HOW SOME BOYS GET THEIR
EDUCATION IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS.

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I will relate to you the story of one of our boys who is attending our high school, to give you an insight into our school work.

Our Samuel is a little red, broad-faced fellow of some 14 years of age. He is an intelligent, bright and patient little creature. He comes to us from a village some thirty miles from here. His father is a poor farmer, but rich in grace. He told me that, like Anna, he dedicated to the Lord his son before he was born. Last year, when we opened our high school we saw this man bring his little Samuel to our school. He was driving two donkeys before him, one of which was loaded with provisions for the child; upon the other, he put his son. The father first related to me his vows and intentions, then added, "I am a poor man, but will do all I can to educate my son. I do now commit him to your care, as Anna did her little Samuel to the care of Eli, and promise to bring from time to time such provisions as I can get for his support. Only help him to get a good education, and above all to learn the fear of the Lord which is above all wisdom." We received the child into our school promising to take care of him, and the faithful father kept his promise to bring from time to time provisions as he could get for the needs of his son. It was an impressive sight to see this good man coming any time, whether in the heat of summer or in

the storm of winter, coming to visit his Samuel with gifts laid upon a donkey, while himself on foot. He was doing his duty faithfully, happily and lovingly.

On the other hand, our little Samuel is worthy of all commendation, and promises to meet all the expectations of his father and of ourselves. Child as he is, he is enduring hardships remarkably, while as scholar he is becoming one of the brightest in the school. He does not get home-sick. Even during vacations when we send him to see his mother, it is only for a day or two, then he longs to come back to his school and studies.

Our hearts go out to sympathize with such parents and pupils as these, who so faithfully try to help themselves, and are ready to sacrifice almost all to secure a good education. Our Samuel's father said to me a few days ago when he brought him back to the school: "We have a cow at home, our only milch-cow, my wife and I thought that we should give this cow to you both to be a sign of our gratitude to you for what you are doing for our boy, and also, that our son may have some milk while attending school; and as to ourselves, we can get along at home some way, only, let our boy study to become a useful man."

HEART BEATS.

Dr. Richardson, of London, the noted physician, says he was recently able to convey a considerable amount of conviction to an intelligent scholar by a simple experiment. The young man was singing the praises of the "ruddy bumper" and saying he could not