

GRATITUDE TO GOD.

IN a beautiful villa, on the banks of the Forth, lived a little boy, the delight of his parents' hearts, because he was an obedient son. His rosy cheeks bespoke good health, and the expression of his dark sparkling eyes told he was happy.

One forenoon, as he walked over the lawn in front of his pretty home, the sun shone brightly, the birds warbled their sweet lays, and the flowers bloomed gayly. These reminded little John of God's goodness, and thinking no eye but His saw him, John knelt on the grass, and gave thanks to his heavenly Father. His thanks were heard on high, and were, no doubt, pleasing to Him to whom they were offered; for in the Bible we are told that "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me."

How beautiful is gratitude in children, both to God and man! but many of them, although loaded with blessings, receive them as a matter of course without raising their thoughts to God, or feeling thankful for their parents' kindness. Do you, little reader?

LITTLE BUILDERS.

"Ye are God's builders," every one of you, children, and are building a temple, not of wood or of stone but of your own characters. Did you think of this, dears? You know in the Bible it says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God," and "if any one defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." God wants the temple in which He dwells to be pure and holy, or He cannot abide there. Youth is the time to lay the foundation of this temple, and its corner stone must be obedience, not only to parents but teachers and all in authority over you, and to God. Then, with such a firm foundation, you can build with such stones as the following: "Honesty, industry, love, patience, perseverance, truthfulness, temperance, wisdom, sobriety, and make the temple beautiful, fit for the Holy Spirit. But if you build with hatred, envy, malice, intemperance, disobedience which are but "hay and stubble," you defile the temple, and God cannot dwell therein.—With which are you building, children?—Selected.

LIKE A CHRISTIAN.

I HEARD of two little children—a boy and girl—who used to play a great deal together. One day the boy came to his mother and said: "Mother, I know that Emma is a Christian."

"What makes you think so, my child?"

"Because, mother, she plays like a Christian."

"Plays like a Christian?" said the mother, the expression sounding a little odd.

"Yes," replied the child; "if you take everything she's got, she don't get angry. Before, she was selfish, and if she didn't have everything her own way, she would say: 'I won't play with you; you are an ugly little boy.'"

DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS.

THERE is too little respect paid to parental authority at the present day. It is grievous to go into many families and hear the language daily used by the children. "I will," "I don't care," "It's none of your business," and the like expressions are painfully common. Large boys and grown up girls even, do not hesitate to give their mother the lie, and break away from their express commands. They will do as they please, and go where they have a mind. We wish such children could only see how they appear in the eyes of their acquaintances, and if they have any shame, it must flush their cheeks.

TELL THE TRUTH.

A boy twelve years old was the important witness in a law suit. One of the lawyers after cross-questioning him severely, said:—

"Your father has been talking to you, and telling you how to testify, hasn't he?"

"Yes," said the boy.

"Now," said the lawyer, "just tell us how your father told you to testify."

"Well," said the boy, modestly; "Father told me the lawyers would try and tangle me in my testimony; but, if I would just be careful, and tell the truth, I could tell the same thing every time."

As far as possible dwell on the good side of human beings. There are family boards where a constant process of deprecating, assigning motives and cutting up character, goes forward. They are not pleasant places. One who is healthy does not wish to dine at a dissecting table. —There is evil enough in men, God knows. But it is not the mission of every young man and woman to detail and report it all. Keep the atmosphere as pure as possible, and fragrant with gentleness and charity.

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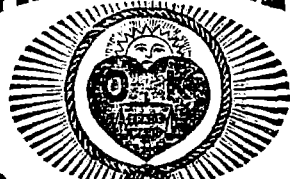
MARRIAGES.

MACKIE—WILLIAMS.—At Cow Bay, C. B., Oct. 12th, by Rev. W. J. Lockyer, Captain John Blair Mackie, of Durham, England, to Bertha, youngest daughter of Henry C. Williams, Esq., of Cow Bay.
DRAKE—TURNBULL.—Oct. 17th, by Rev. D. C. Moore, Mr. Francis Henry Drake to Miss Margaret Olivia Turnbull. The first wedding in St. George's Chapel, New Glasgow.
WILSON—ORR.—On the 16th inst., by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rector of St. Mark's, Mr. John E. Wilson to Miss Beatrice Orr, both of St. John.
RUDDOCK—HORNCASTLE.—At St. Paul's Church, on Wednesday morning, 17th inst., by the Rev. Canon DeVeber, Captain William S. Ruddock, of Portland, to Alice Merritt, daughter of Mr. Joseph Horncastle, of Indiantown.
TROTTER—BOND.—At St. Paul's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, Oct. 17th, by the Rev. G. W. Hill, D. C. L., Thomas Trotter, Esq., Antigonish, to Emma, daughter of the late Thos. H. Bond.
MCMILLAN—HOWIE.—At Trinity Church, Christville, Oct. 6th, by the Rev. B. P. Lewis, D. C. McMillan, of Silver City, New Mexico, to Mary Jane R. Howie, of Pike River, P. Q.

DEATHS.

NEWCOMB.—At Jeddore, Oct. 10th, Civilla Newcomb, aged 16 years and 9 months, youngest daughter of Mr. Wm. Newcomb.
DOWNING.—Entered into rest on the 1st inst., Susan Downing, of Lower Onslow, in the 46th year of her age.
WEATHERLY.—At Upper Barructors, on the 8th inst., Duncan Weatherly, in the 72nd year of his age.
SMITH.—At Salmon River, East Halifax, on the 14th inst., after a long illness of eczema, Bertram Edwin, youngest son of Rev. L. Richmond and M. L. R. Smith, aged 8 months and 13 days.

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Also for the construction of a lock, together with the enlargement and deepening of the upper entrance of the Rapide Plat Canal, or middle division of the Williamsburg Canals.

Tenders will also be received until TUESDAY, the 27th day of November next, for the extension of the pierwork and deepening, &c., of the channel at the upper entrance of the Galops Canal.

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