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A FAITHFUL BOY.

A missionary's wife in South Africa, writing from Butterworth, gives the following beautiful little story of the power of God's grace in a native boy:

"The work began among the grown people, but now the little children are coming to Jesus. I have had seventeen of these lambs of the flock added to my own class.

"We have a beautiful example of the stability of a child in this circuit. Some six miles hence there lives a little boy named Unaduna, about eleven years of age. He has been living with his grandparents, who are heathen, and smear themselves with red clay. He is the only Christian among them, yet he has been kept firm and faithful.

"Mr. Taylor called him, and said, 'How long have you been serving the Lord?'

"'Almost three years,' he replied.

"'And what do your friends say about it?'

"'They don't say anything; they only beat me.'

"'Now, would you rather die than give up Jesus?'

"'Yes.'

"'And what else do they do to you?'

"'They shut me up in a house and beat

me, and say they will kill me; and I say they may kill me if they like.'

"'Does Satan follow you?'

"'Yes.'

"'And what do you do?'

"'I pray to God to drive him from me.'

"'Ah!' said the interpreter, 'my faith is greatly strengthened by this testimony. Many grown persons have gone back to sin during the last three years, and here is this little boy among the heathen holding on his way.'

"'Perhaps God may have a great work for him to do yet among his fellow-countrymen,

THE BIBLE.

The following is a calculation of the number of books, verses, letters, etc., contained in the Old and New Testaments. It is to say the least a curiosity.

Old Testament.—Number of books, 39; chapters, 929; verses, 33,214; words, 592,439; letters, 2,728,100.

The middle book is Proverbs.

The middle chapter is Job xxix.

The middle verse would be 2 Chronicles xx., 17, if there were a verse more, and verse 18, if there were a verse less.

The word *and* occurs 35,543 times.

The word JEH(V)AH occurs 6,865 times

The shortest verse is 1 Chronicles i., 25.

The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet.

The 19th chapter of 2 Kings, and the 37th chapter of Isaiah, are alike.

New Testament.—Number of books, 27; chapters, 260; verses, 7,050; words, 181,258; letters, 828,580.

The middle book is 2 Thessalonians.

The middle chapter is Romans xiii., if there were a chapter less, and xiv., if there were a chapter more.

The middle and shortest verse is John xi., 35.

Old and New Testament.—Number of books, 66; chapters, 1189; verses, 40,264; words, 773,697; letters, 3,556,680.

The middle chapter and shortest in the Bible, is the 117th Psalm.

The middle verse is Psalm cxviii., 8.