

SUNDAY READING.

A LAUGH IN CHURCH.

She sat on the sliding cushion,
The dear wee woman of four;
Her feet in their shiny slippers,
Hung dangling over the floor.
She meant to be good—she had promised—
And so with her big brown eyes,
She stared at the meeting-house windows,
And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher;
But she thought of the honey bees
Droning away in the blossoms
That whitened the cherry trees.
She thought of the broken basket,
Where, curled in a dusky heap,
Three sleek, round puppies, with fringy ears,
Lay snuggled and fast asleep.

Such soft, warm bodies to cuddle,
Such queer little hearts to beat,
Such swift, round tongues to kiss,
Such sprawling cushiony feet!
She could feel in her clasping fingers
The touch of the satiny skin,
And a cold, wet nose exploring
The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter
Ran over the parted lips,
So quick that she could not reach it
With her rosy finger tips.
The people whispered, "Bless the child,"
As each one waked from a nap;
But the dear wee woman hid her face
For shame in her mother's lap.

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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sounds to God like sin spoken with the lips.

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New York Observer: All preaching is vain until God's Spirit touches it into life and power. The Spirit's School-house is the closet, and it is here, on bended knee, listening to his still, small voice, that the preacher of the Word can learn his profoundest lessons that best fit him for his pulpit ministrations.

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Rev. Mr. Grubb: While the destroying angel was passing through the land of Egypt in one blood-besprinkled Israelites house all was found peaceful and happy. In another house were fear and dismay. Both had the blood sprinkled and both were equally safe; only one feared and was unhappy, while the other trusted and was at peace. This was the way with many. They want to feel they are safe, but feeling cannot save any man. They are saved only by the blood of the Lamb. Remember, the blood was on the outside; the feasting was within. You must first be saved, and then feast afterwards.