

## Jesus and the Little Children.

I THINK, when I read the sweet story of old,  
How when Jesus was here among men,  
He ca led little children as lambs to His fold,  
I should like to have been with Him then.

I wish that His hand had been placed on my head,  
That His arms had been thrown around me,—  
That I might have heard His sweet voice when He said,  
“Let the little ones come unto Me”

## Say “Yes.”

A BOY, aged fourteen years, belonging to the congregation of Mr. Robertson, of Newington, met with an accident, and had to part with one of his limbs, in the hope of saving his life. But the operation failed of that effect; and when he was told gently that he would not probably live more than two days, he looked up, and said, “*Only two days, and I shall be with Christ!*” And when his minister asked if he had any message to send to his young companions, he answered, “*Just tell them to say ‘Yes’ to Christ at once.*”

## The Captain.

“The Captain of Salvation”—Hebrews 2: 10.



YOU have been hearing a good deal lately, children, of the “Salvation Army,” and perhaps you have seen some of its “regiments” passing along the streets. Whatever some may think of these people and their strange ways, they have got hold of a right idea. The followers of Jesus are an army—striving to subdue the whole world to Him.

Much might be said of this army. Let me just ask you to remember what their *banner* is—Love; their *music*—Hope; their *weapon*—Truth; their *enemy*—Sin; their *field of battle*—Everywhere; their *CAPTAIN*—Christ.

How it encourages the Church to know that their great Leader is with them. When Wellington's men were wavering one day in battle, he himself rode forward into their midst. One of the men seeing him cried, “There's the Duke, God bless him; I'd rather see his face than a whole brigade.” Then followed a tremendous cheer; and at once the tide of battle turned. And so is it with the Captain of Salvation. With such a Leader, victory is sure. He Himself has borne the brunt of battle. On Him, made perfect through suffering, the enemy tried his worst in vain. He died to conquer; and rose again to reign. He can never know defeat.

Will you not join this army of Christ, battling against sin and wrong, and trying to bring in right-

eousness and peace in all the earth? Perhaps you say—“It is little I can do.” But there is one little fortress which you ought to ask strength from Him to take and keep. It is mentioned in Proverbs 16: 32; and to take and keep it may be harder than to take a strong city. But Jesus can enable you to overcome, and to drive out the Pride, Selfishness, Hatred, Envy, and other enemies that are lurking there.

## Sins Forgiven.

ALL children like to get a letter of their very own. How they look out for the postman, and how glad they are when they can say, “Here it is at last—a letter for my own self!” What a precious letter this is we now bring you! We like letters best that have cheery news. What news can be more so than this, “My dear little children, I write to tell you that your sins are all forgiven you for the sake of Jesus.”

Most ble-sed thought which the Bible has brought,  
My sins are forgiven and taken away!  
O beautiful letter!—no news could be better,  
It will mak• me feel happy and joyous all day.

## The Two Ways.

TWO boys used to sit on the same form at school, on the same bench in God's house—used to hear the same sermons and sing the same hymns. One decided to follow Jesus and be a Christian, the other thought the world's pleasures and gay company preferable.

Years passed away, and a dying man, in a poor, delapidated house, sent for the clergyman to see him. He came, and strange to say, the two men were the former schoolmates of years gone by. One a happy and honored servant of the Lord Jesus; the other dying a wretched death—a disgrace to his name, and a ruined soul! What made the difference? One chose to follow Jesus, the other decided to follow the world.

## Our Shepherd.

EVEN the most watchful of the shepherds of Palestine, of old, sometimes got drowsy and fell “asleep.” God's eyes are never closed. “He that keepeth thee shall not slumber.” Night by night He takes you to His own fold of love, and watches over you with a Shepherd's care. So you can go to your bed now, and close your eyes with the happy thought—“Thou the Great Shepherd of Israel art with me; and what time I am awake, I am still with Thee.”

In Thine arms of love and mercy  
Fold Thy little lamb to-night;  
Gracious, ever-watchful Shepherd,  
Keep me safe till morning light!