

EVEN SO, FATHER.

Several gentlemen were once visiting a French school in which was a boy both deaf and dumb. One of them asked him, who made the world? The boy took his slate, and wrote the first verse of the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." He was then asked, "How do you hope to be saved?" The child wrote, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The last question proposed was, "How is it that God has made you deaf and dumb, while those around you can hear and speak?" The poor boy appeared puzzled for a moment, and a suggestion of unbelief seemed to pass through his mind; but quickly recovering himself, he wrote, "Even so my Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

CURIOSITIES OF THE BIBLE.

The learned Prince of Grenada, heir to the Spanish throne, imprisoned by order of the Crown for fear he should aspire to the throne, was kept in solitary confinement in the old prison at the Place of Skulls, Madrid. After thirty-three years in this living tomb, death came to his release, and the following remarkable researches taken from the Bible, and marked with an old nail on the rough walls of his cell, told how the brain sought employment through the weary years:—In the Bible the word Lord is found 1853 times, the word Jehovah 6855 times, and the word reverend but once, and that in Psalms cxi. 9. The 8th verse of cxv. is the middle verse of the Bible. The 9th verse of Esther viii. is the longest verse, and John xi. 35 is the shortest. In Psalms cvii. four verses are alike—the 8th, 15th, 21st, and 31st. Each verse of Psalm cxxxvi. ends alike. No names or words with more than six syllables are found in the Bible. Isaiah xxxvii. and 2 Kings xix. are alike. The word girl occurs but once in the Bible, and that in Joel iii. 3. There are found in both Books of the Bible 3,586,483 letters, 773,693 words, 31,373 verses, 1189 chapters, and 66 books. Acts of the Apostles xxvi. is the finest chapter to read. Psalm xxiii. is the most beautiful chapter in the Bible. John xiv. 2, John vi. 37, St. Matthew xi. 28, and Psalm xxxvii. 4, are the four most aspiring promises in the Bible. Isaiah li. 1 is the verse for new converts to study. All who flatter themselves with vain boastings of their perfectness should learn Matthew vi. All humanity should learn St. Luke vi. from the 20th verse to its ending.

O son of the good mother! remember that she hath spared nothing that the human heart could yield for thy good. Let thy love and gratitude and reverence flow back upon her; and if her hair is becoming silvered with age, remember that thy opportunities to minister to her comfort are every day becoming fewer and fewer. God help thee to cheer her!—*Rev. John Todd, D. D.*