

### Think This Over.

Do you know any one who ought to be in your Sabbath school? You will do good work for the Master by inducing that one to join you. Try. Keep on trying until you succeed. There are schools that could be doubled in numbers and interest in this way. Perhaps yours is one of them.

### Good Children do not Always Die Young.

BILLY Marsh was a dear little English boy, only four years old. He was a beautiful child, and so loving and kind that he was a great favourite with his brothers and sisters, to whom he would give his most cherished playthings, rather than that they should quarrel among themselves. One day, for some small fault, his nurse shut him up in a store-room, and left him there until long after his early dinner hour. She had wholly forgotten that dishes of apples, oranges, and cakes were standing there within his reach, ready for the desert. When she went for him, she saw, through a window, the hungry little boy gazing at the tempting dishes by turns, with his small hands firmly clasped behind him, and heard him saying to himself, over and over again: "Billy must not touch them, Billy must not touch them, they are not Billy's own."

"Well, I suppose he died soon after," said Charley, who had listened with great interest to this story.

"Why, no, indeed he did not; he grew up to be one of the very best men in the world," said mamma. "What made you think he did?"

"Why, because all good little children die when they are young. The Sunday School library is full of books about them. I don't want to die, so I shall not begin to be good yet."

"Indeed, if you had read more, you would find that more good children grow up than die; only

when they live to grow up, no book is written about them. We are only told about the few that die."

Billy Marsh learned to love the Bible when he was a little boy, so that his brothers and sisters called him "Bible Billy"; and when he grew up he became a minister, and was Rev. William Marsh, of England. Boys and girls loved him, and loved to hear him talk about the Bible, for like Timothy, he had known it from his childhood. He said that when he first began to read it every day, it was hard to him; but he persevered and soon came to love it. Some dear friends, who came to see him a short time before he died, found him so absorbed in reading it that they stood beside him some moments before he observed them. He was nearly ninety years old when he died; and he was always glad that he began to love the Saviour in his childhood.

### The Japanese Boy.

THE Japanese boy seems to enjoy life more than the boys of China. He has more playthings, and his parents seem to think more about making the days joyous to him. But boys are very much alike everywhere, and in Japan, as well as in America, he would rather play ball or fly the kite than go to school.

Still to school he must go. There are forty-eight letters in the Japanese alphabet; but the children are expected to learn both the Japanese and the Chinese language. The children make more noise than is allowed here in studying their lessons, and many of the schools have excellent teachers.

We can rejoice at the good our missionaries are doing in Japan in leading the parents and the children to Jesus. Pray for them and give your money that the missionaries may be supported, and that Bibles and Testaments may be printed for them.

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