

she is beloved. I hope that a young girl, sitting in the house of her father, is willing to do all the help and comfort you can for, she knows but that you have come for just such a time as this. Perhaps you just happened to get to a home at a very busy time, when some special work is on hand, or perhaps the family is moving, then, instead of feeling discontented or out of heart, just try to think: "Perhaps it is all ordered for me to be here just now to be all the help I can." Try to do your duty bravely, with true heart and steadfast purpose, like this brave young queen!

Another little touch we might just notice in this sketch. Although Esther was living in the king's house, she belonged to a set of people against whom there was a strong prejudice by the nation among whom she dwelt, although without any just cause, for the Jews were in no way inferior to the others. Yet how beautifully, instead of hiding her origin, she identifies herself with them, and says to the king, "my people" (Esther viii. 3). Here also we admire the moral courage of this beautiful young queen, who in the darkest of times found light.

Then again, there comes in a woman's influence. It is probable that the pleading of this young woman was much more powerful with the king than any words would have been uttered by any man of that nation, even Mordecai himself. A woman, even a young girl, may exercise a strong influence for good or bad, for weal or woe. Let it be for good!

There are many helpful lessons to be gathered from the Epistles General of St. Peter, but we will not linger on them, having occupied enough space already. We will however give some questions the answers to which can be found in this Epistle.

1. What is the chief duty of Christians?
2. What is the chief duty of Christians?
3. What is the chief duty of Christians?
4. What is the chief duty of Christians?

PUZZLES FOR

FROM THE EASTERN PUZZLES

- Edith Hallendale Puzzle:
A bed.
E. G. Francis Puzzle:
Easter.
Emily and Annie Addison's:
1. A brick-bat
2. Flat-irons
3. Moise

PUZZLES.

BURIED POETS' NAMES

From Alice Knowles:

1. Alice's pen certainly is a good one.
2. That cow perhaps may lose you.
3. I am going by Road to see if I can find you.
4. I shall be home again.

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One word taken from each of the following references will disclose a text from the Prophet Jonah:

- John iii. 1, Dent. x. 30, I Peter ii. 20, Ruth ii. 1, I Thess. ii. 1, I Thess. ii. 1, I Thess. ii. 1.

RIDDLES.

From Anne and Emily Addison:

1. When is a stick like a queen?
2. What keeps its hands over its face when it runs down?
3. What is that which we often find when it is not there and for which we are never thanked for finding?

From Alice Knowles:

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