

WHAT MAMMA LIKES.

WHAT does mamma like to see?
 Hands and face clean with soap and water,
 Hair combed so straight,
 And dress so neat—
 This is what she likes in her daughter.

What does mamma like to see?
 A frank and smiling set of features,
 And a truthful light
 In a pair of eyes bright—
 Look at me so, you dear, sweet creature!

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CHILDREN AND CHURCH.

THERE never was greater nonsense than this giving of children liberty about church going. The Sabbath never was meant for a novelty. Religious teaching cannot be a novelty—it is line upon line. To make going to meeting a "refreshing novelty" is precisely what the Bible forbids. "Thou shalt teach these commandments to thy children diligently."

I believe that, ordinarily, the church-going habit will not become second nature unless it is formed before the child is five years old. The baby of three years ought to be asleep in church on Sabbath morning, and we ministers always will be thankful if nobody else is asleep by that time. The only safe place for the children on the Lord's day, from the age of three years, is by the side of their parents in the sanctuary of God.

Profaneness, vile talking, and intemperance by young men begin with Sabbath-breaking by the boys. To confess that you cannot prevail on your children to go to meeting with you is to abandon them to the devil already. You can. God has given you the right, the authority, and the

power to enforce it. You are responsible if you cannot say with Joshua: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

GREAT LOVE.

O CHARLIE! be careful, little brother; you are skating too near that hole."

The words came too late. Charlie did not see the hole; and before his brother had finished speaking, he saw the little fellow go out of sight under the ice.

With all speed Harry hastened to the spot; he could see his brother, and, creeping to the edge, he held out his hand; but the ice was not strong enough to bear him, and he fell in. Other boys, hearing their cries, were soon on the spot. Harry caught his little brother, and held him up where strong arms could reach him. "Save, oh! save my brother," he cried; then sank to rise no more.

The elder brother gave his life for the younger. Do you not believe Charlie thinks tenderly and lovingly of this elder brother? Do you not think he will love to remember all he ever said to him, and will seek to do what would please him?

And this is what Jesus has done for you. He is your "Elder Brother." He gave his life for you. He died that you might live. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

But our blessed Saviour gave up his life for us when we did not love him. The Bible says that "God commended his love

toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Dear little readers, do you believe in this love of Jesus to you? Do you really believe that he died for you, in your room and stead? And do you trust him and love him, and seek in your life to show that your love to Christ is a deep reality? If so, then indeed you are a little soldier in his army, his little disciple, his true follower; and by-and-bye the blessed Saviour, who is our Captain too, will have all who have really loved and served him on earth, with him yonder in the skies, amid all his own glory.—*The Children's Treasury.*

WHAT ROYAL CHILDREN DO.

THE education of Queen Victoria's grandchildren is conducted on the principle that the Prince Consort introduced into her family. They have to rise early and retire early. During the day they have to keep strictly the time allotted to the various branches of study and recreation. They breakfast at eight with their parents, and the time between ten in the morning and five in the afternoon is devoted to their lessons, with an interruption of one hour for dinner. Their meals consist of simple dishes, of which they have their choice, without being permitted to ask for a substitute, if what is placed before them does not suit. Between meals they are not allowed to eat. Only inexpensive toys are placed in their hands; and the princesses dress themselves without the aid of waiting-maids,



THE PRINCESS ROYAL, AGED SEVENTEEN MONTHS, AND PRINCE OF WALES, AGED FIVE MONTHS.

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