

dren spent most of the morning chasing the poultry around with the laudable desire to secure feathers for the Band."

Willie told me, with a beaming face, that he had "got a handful from the big rooster's tail."

I gave them full credit for having proved their titles to belong to the "I'll Try" Band, but endeavored to show them that the "big rooster" would not appreciate their missionary efforts, especially at this season of the year.

No one seems to want more cushions and frames just now, so we intend to direct our energies towards dusters and iron-holders. We tried tooth-picks, but the united efforts of one family for a week only produced one, which was confiscated by an elder brother on his leaving home.

Already one boy—an earnest Christian lad of fourteen—is turning his thoughts and I pray the Father is turning his heart, towards life in India as a missionary.

Yes, I take the LINK and VISITOR, and sometimes read to the children selections from them.

MISS M. F. LANGTON.

[Miss Tapscott, having received this letter in reply to some questions she asked a band-leader, has sent it to us with the privilege of making any selections we wish for the LINK readers. The letter is so interesting, that we give the most of it.—Ed.]

I tolled; my tools were taken from my hands,
I sought for more, and straightway laid them
down.

"What shall I do?" I sobbed. Then saw I stand
O'er me my Master; and without a frown,
Thus did He pitying answer me; "Be still—
This is thy time to bear, and Mine to show
To thee and in thee, all My holy will.
And what I do to-day thou canst not know;
But thou shalt know hereafter," said my Lord;
"On thee, not by thee, must My work be
wrought."

And thereupon some echoes of the Word,
That with a keenly hearkening ear I caught,
After hard struggles, brought me peace at length;
"In quietness and trust shall be thy strength."

The highest culture is to speak no ill;
The best reformer is the man whose eyes
Are quick to see all beauty and all worth,
And by his own discreet, well-ordered life,
He best improves the erring.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Why shouldst thou fill to-day with sorrow
About to-morrow,

My heart?
One matches all with One most true,
Doubt not that He will give thee too,
Thy part.

Only be steadfast; never waver
Nor seek earth's favor,
But rest.

Thou knowest that what God wills must be,
For all His creatures so for thee,
The best.

PAUL FLEMING.

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