

in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Is it not wonderful that Jesus, who, as the Scriptures say, is "God over all, blessed forever," should come into the world himself had made; that he should come in our nature; that he should be the "babe of Bethlehem," the "man of sorrows," and at last die a painful and shameful death, and by his death atone for our sins? Surely, it was all in love and mercy to our race. But let us not forget, also, that he is a pattern to all ages, and in all the duties of life. "The child Jesus" is the brightest and most perfect example for the young to copy. We may try to imitate the early piety of Moses and Samuel, or the zeal of young Josiah, or the meekness and charity of the little captive maid; but in Jesus there is everything that is