

THE MOTHER.—It has been truly said that the first being that rushes to the recollection of a soldier or a sailor, in his heart's difficulty, is his mother. She clings to his memory and affection in the midst of all the forgetfulness and hardihood induced by a roving life. The last message he leaves is for her; his last whisper breathes her name. The mother, as she instils the lesson of piety and filial obligation into the heart of her infant son, should always feel that her labor is not in vain. She may drop into the grave; but she has left behind her influence that will do its office.

A BEAUTIFUL ANSWER. — When the Emperor of Germany was lately on a visit in a distant portion of his dominions, he was welcomed by school children of the village. After their speaker had made a speech for him, he thanked them; then taking an orange from a plate, he asked:

"To what kingdom does this belong?"

"To the vegetable kingdom, sir," replied the little girl.

The emperor took a gold coin from his pocket, and holding it up, asked:

"And to what kingdom does this belong?"

"To the mineral kingdom, sir," replied the little girl.

"And to what kingdom do I belong, then?" asked the emperor.

The little girl colored deeply, for she did not like to say "the animal kingdom" as he thought she would, lest his majesty should be offended; when a bright thought came, she said, with radiant eyes:

"To God's kingdom, sir."

The emperor was deeply moved. A tear stood in his eye. He placed his hand on the child's head, and said most devoutly:

"God grant that I may be accounted worthy of that kingdom."

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#### EDITOR'S DRAWER.

—Owing to the pressure of duties in connection with the examination of candidates for Teachers' Certificates, Mr. Glashan has been unable to give any time or attention to the "Teachers' Desk" this month. We know this will be a disappointment to many, if not, indeed, to all of our subscribers, but Mr. Glashan kindly promises not only to make up for the omission by bringing up the arrears on the "Desk," but also to give solutions of the questions at the recent examination, in future numbers. With this promise we trust all will be satisfied, and quietly rest in hope of the good things coming.

—This is a good time for those in arrears to remit the amount of their indebtedness.

—A circular has been issued by several of the Inspectors setting forth the claims of David Mills, Esq., M.P., to be elected as the Inspectors' representative in the Council of Public Instruction. We have not yet heard of any opposition to Mr. Mills'

candidature, and we trust he may be elected by a unanimous vote.

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