

spring : how then can you bear to murder the little ones so near to you, and who are as the very hairs upon your heads ?”

How many poor little children have been drowned or killed in some other way in China ! If the boys and girls of America could look across the continent and over the rolling wave of the Pacific, and past the islands of the ocean, and see a hundred children every day thrown into the river by their fathers and mothers, I think they would not only be very sorry for them, but they would do all they could to send the Gospel to those blind idolaters.

All over the world, where the poor heathen worship false gods, they have been just like the Chinese. In the Sandwich Islands, in Tahiti and all the islands of the sea, in Siam, and India, and Africa, and Greece, and Rome, in ancient days as well as in our own days, the “dark hearts” of the heathen have been so cruel as this. If Christian children only loved the Bible as they should, and loved the Saviour as they should, they would do more than they do to send the Holy Word and missionaries to the lands of darkness, to let the light shine, and tear down the temples and the alters of false gods of wood and stone. If any boy or girl is thankful for being brought up in the land of the Bible, let him or her try to show their love to God by being devoted to his service.

MANNERS AT TABLE.

1. Never be tardy ; always be in your seat in due time.

2. Never stare about, or be indifferent when the blessing is pronounced, but close your eyes, and with great solemnity raise your heart to God in devout thankfulness.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

3. Never come to the table with dirty hands, face, or nails, or your head looking like a brush heap.

4. Never help yourself until others around you are served, or what is more commendable for young persons, wait till supplied by those who serve at table.

5. When permitted to help yourself, never select the best articles of food. Some little folks, we believe, are in the habit of choosing the largest and best fruit, potatoes, &c. This is not merely impolite, but selfish in the extreme.

6. Never extend your arms across the table, you may by this movement brush some one in the face, upset some dish, and do great mischief. Are you in want of some articles at a distance ? Ask for it politely, in a distinct, audible voice, thus : “Father, will you please pass the fruit ?” “Will you have the goodness to help me to some pie or pudding ?” (as the case may be.) “I will thank you, father, for a few more beans, if you please.” Some children mumble their words, speak very indistinctly, through their teeth or nose, or in so low a voice as to render it very difficult to understand them. These evil habits should be corrected as early as possible.

7. Never make knives and forks of your fingers, when you have the former by you.

8. Hold your knife, fork, and spoon in the most convenient and genteel manner.

9. Hold up your head. Some youth have acquired the vulgar habit of putting their face almost into their plate, dish, or bowl, and eat with great rapidity. This habit is justifiable only in persons of extreme old age, and so bowed down with infirmities as not to be able to