

## Children's Department.

Planting.  
(Continued.)

"Well, I will tell if she won't," cried Fred. "She has been just as nice as she could be all the week. She stopped reading an interesting book the other night to help me with my sums, and when I have plagued her she has not scolded or told on me once, and next week I am not going to tease her."

"Yes," said Jenny, "and when little Hattie Wheeler tore her dress, and was afraid to go home, she gave up a nice walk with the other girls, to mend it for her. Oh, Sadie's seed has grown; there is no doubt about that."

There was a happy light in mother's eyes as she asked, "And how about your own, Jenny?"

"Oh, about being faithful?—well, I turned that text over and over in my mind, and on Monday morning I hunted up all the half-finished work I had commenced, and I tell you there was a lot of it; and I have been working steadily all the week, and shall continue to, until every piece is finished. And then at school the other day, the girls were all angry with Minnie Lewis, and wanted me to turn against her, too, but I stood beside her, as she sat there all alone, and said: 'No, I mean to be faithful to my friend when she is in trouble.' And then they laughed at me too, but I did not care, for I knew that I was right. So you see, mamma, if my seed has not borne much fruit, it is not dead, at all events."

"And as for me," cried Fred, who could scarcely wait for his time to come, "my text has done me lots of good. When the fellows asked me to go down and play on the railway track I just wouldn't disobey you and go. And when they wanted me to help them tease Col. Rick's big dog, Towser, I remember that you told me not to go near him, and I didn't; and it was well

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that I did not, for he bit one of them. And I have jumped up every morning just as soon as you called me, and though I have not minded every time, I have obeyed much better than usual. Now, haven't I?" he asked, as he threw one arm around his mother's neck.

She kissed his rosy lips quite willingly.

"Yes," she answered, "you have indeed. And I cannot tell you, children," she added, as she looked from one bright face to another, "how glad I am that the living seed has not fallen upon stony ground, but has been transformed into good, true, generous deeds."

"Let us plant some more texts to-night, mother," said Sadie.

"I will gladly make it a weekly exercise," answered her mother; "and only think what a harvest there will be at the end of the year, if the fifty-two texts, planted in each heart, shall really take root and blossom."

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There are people who consider this deceit. "If I don't care a snap for Jones, why should I express pleasure at the sight of him and sorrow when he leaves me? If I never saw his wife and children, is it not hypocrisy for me to show interest in Mrs. Jones' rheumatism or regret the broken arm of the small Jones?"

It may be so. Perhaps it is a debatable matter. Yet life holds so much sorrow and so many mistakes and regrets for most of us, that it is a primary duty to humanity to force ourselves to feel and to express all the sympathy, kindness, and cordiality we can, even if we have to manufacture them "out of the whole cloth."

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