

heaven, and wondering whether I should know papa when I went there.

"Suddenly there seemed to float in the air a crowd of fairy like beings. I watched them for a long time, and then they seemed walking on a very bad and stony road.—Some seemed almost faint with the long journey, and some of them fell and stumbled.

"As my eyes became still more accustomed to the sight, I saw that those who bravely tried to toil onwards had in their hands bright golden rods, whose ends seemed to reach the sky. Round these rods was written, 'Faith, Mercy, Truth, Hope, Charity, Love,' and many other things. Some of the travellers dropped their rods when they had to cross a bad part of the road, and I noticed that whenever they let go their rods they fell and stumbled, and then some of those who had kept their staffs would come and help the fallen ones, and their rods seemed to gleam with a more glorious brightness each time they did any good deed to help their fellow-travellers.

"In a short time they all disappeared in the distance, and I awoke; but the dream was so beautiful, so glorious, that I could not forget it."

The child's dream I have put in my own words, as those who loved him less dearly than I did might not understand his baby language. Surely he heard "the clang of harp-strings, and angels from golden clouds beckoned to him like a brother!"

Another evening Charlie and I began to talk about the sun; and after a few minutes' pause the little fellow said, "How happy the sun must feel at night!"

This remark rather puzzled me, but I did not say so; merely remarking, "What makes you think so, Charlie?"

"Why, because it has done its duty all day long, and can therefore enjoy heaven more when it goes to rest there."

"Enjoy heaven, dear! What makes you think the sun goes back to heaven every night, my boy?"

"Because I think that God takes it back to heaven, that the joy it feels there may wash away the remembrance of all the wickedness and sin it has seen by day!"

I could not correct the boy; for the idea seemed too curious to me to be at once replied to. Indeed, I almost doubted whether I had heard aright. That this child, so innocent, so young and happy, should have worked out thoughts which would hardly have presented themselves to the imagination of us "wiser" ones, amazed me. But I learnt many a lesson from that little fellow, that has made me in my old age a wiser and a happier man.

After a moment's pause Charlie added, "Mamma, I shall be with the sun to-night!" And indeed each minute seemed to find the boy weaker than the last; and as the last

ray of sunshine faded from the horizon, Charlie Wainfleet's gentle spirit floated upward to its God.

Work for Little Ones.

There is no little child too small
To work for God;
There is a mission for us all
From Christ the Lord.

'Tis not enough for us to give
Our wealth alone;
We must entirely for Him live,
And be His own.

Though poverty our portion be,
Christ will not slight
The lowliest little one, if he
With God be right.

The poor, the sorrowful, the old,
Are round us still;
God does not always ask our gold,
But heart and will.

Father, oh give us grace to see
A place for us,
Where, in Thy vineyard, we for Thee
May labour thus!

Footprints.

A poor Arabian of the desert was one day asked how he came to be certain that there was a God.

"In the same way," replied he, "that I am enabled to tell by a print impressed on the sand whether it was a man or beast that passed that way. I see God everywhere."

What Jesus is able to do.

'Able even to subdue all things unto Himself.' Phil. iii. 21.

'Able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.' 2 Cor. ix. 8.

'Able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.' Jude 24.

'Able to succour them that are tempted.' Heb. ii. 18.

'Able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.' Heb. vii. 25.

'What He had promised, able also to perform.' Rom. iv. 21.

'Able to make him stand.' Rom. xiv. 4.

'Able to keep that which I have committed unto Him.' 1 Tim. i. 2.

'Able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.' Acts xx. 32.

'Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.' Eph. iii. 20.

'BELIEVE YE THAT I AM ABLE TO DO THIS?' Matt. ix. 28.