

"Yes, dear; but I have told you so often to do what you are asked at once, and you must try and remember. Do you ask God to help you?"

Amy looked away from her mother's earnest eyes out into the sunny garden, then, after a pause, she said, —

"Yes, dear, I do; and when I was a little older than you, but for God's goodness I might have been the cause of life-long misery to myself and all whom I loved through saying 'In a minute.'"

"Will you tell me about it mother, dear?" asked Amy.



"THAT WAS THE THIRD TIME TO-DAY."

"It is such a little thing; I do not like to pray about it."

"If God says that not a sparrow falls to the ground without His permission, will He think any of His children's sins too trifling to pray to Him about?"

"Oh, mamma, do you call saying 'In a minute' a sin?" Amy asked, opening her eyes wide with astonishment.

"It will be very painful to me, dear, but, as I think it will help you to be more watchful, I will tell you all about it when we go for our walk this evening."

"Thank you, mother," said Amy, running away to finish her lessons.

Amy Elton was an only child, and she was much beloved by her parents. It is said that love is blind, but a deep, true,