

"I am glad you have discovered something," responded the naturalist, "but both wasps were busy; the one you thought idle had a drop of water to carry. They reach their nest together; the one deposits the mud and the other ejects the water upon it. They then mix it, and fly away for more, and thus the nest is gradually built."

The boys never forgot the incident, nor the lessons which their kind friend sought to point out, namely, the industry and patience of the wasps, and the importance of acquiring knowledge by careful observation.

#### ASCENSION DAY.

Awake, awake; O Zion's daughter sing;  
Bring forth thy sweetest praise and worship Him,  
For He is now gone up to dwell on high,  
And reign triumphant in the lofty sky.

For us He died, that we in Him might live;  
He conquered death, eternal life to give,  
And though ascended high to heaven above  
He still remembers sinners in His love.

O Saviour; give us faith to trust in Thee,  
That in Thy beauty we may ever see  
Attractions higher than on earth are given,  
Which lift our thoughts to where Thou art in heaven.  
—Rev. L. Sinclair.

#### TIPPIE—A TRUE STORY.

I think all children are fond of dogs, specially those dogs that like to play and romp with them. I am going to tell you about a little dog I knew very well. There were no children in the house where she lived, but she was a source of pleasure and amusement to those who took care of her. She was a German dog, descended from a noble line of ancestors. She was black, with bright eyes, and so small you could carry her in your arms. She liked to be petted and sit close to you on your lap and kiss you, if you would let her. She was wiser than we are, for she knew her friends from her foes. Her manners and obedience were perfect. She had a high chair, like a little child's, which was placed near the table. When the bell rang she was the first in the dining room. She would sit quite still till she was helped and never put her paws in her plate. She would wait for the dessert more patiently than a little child would, and showed her appreciation of ice cream and cake by asking with her eyes for some more. She enjoyed the comfort of a brass bedstead, satin pillow and slumber robe. She would lie down and look steadily at her mistress, which was her way of asking to be covered. In summer she would keep cool under the refrigerator. When the door-bell would ring she was the first to welcome the visitor by extending her paw or by a joyous bark.

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If the caller was a particular favorite, she would spin around like a top, or show her pleasure by other cute tricks. Alas! Tippie is dead. She passed away peacefully in the arms of her mistress after an illness of ten days. Many tears were shed, and she is mourned as one of the family. She was put in a casket and buried in a garden of beautiful flowers. Her grave is marked by a white marble stone. On it are these words: "In loving memory of Tippie, aged 14 years." What is to be learned from the story of this little dog? Obedience, affection and politeness. The exercise of these virtues will make you to be loved by all who know you, and in making others happy you will increase your own happiness. Be kind to all dumb creatures.—Southern Churchman.

#### VICTORIA DAY.

The Queen who reigned so many years  
Was loving, great, and good,  
It surely can be said of her,  
"She hath done what she could."

In duty first, she did excel  
From childhood's early day,  
Among her many virtues, she  
Was willing to obey.

As mother, wife, and Queen, shone forth  
The beauty of her reign  
Though set on highest throne of earth,  
She humble did remain.

Her works of labour; and of love  
Shall live through fleeting time,  
May her example ever round  
The British throne entwine.  
—Rev. L. Sinclair.

#### OUR LORD'S ASCENSION.

Why is it that the festival of our Lord's Ascension has been till quite lately elbowed out of notice, and is only now gradually taking the place of importance which assuredly belongs to it? Is it the practical irreligiousness of our day which deems the things of time and sense—the claims of business, the requirements of the world paramount? Or is it that Christians do not realize the priceless blessing which the Ascension of our Lord brings into their lives as they

do the benefits which He won for them by His Cross and Passion, and by His glorious Resurrection? Are we waiting for this to take its place in our life, to regain the true "Proportion of Faith"? Assuredly till it has done so, we are wanting. It is so necessary a link in the good news of our salvation that without it all the rest is incomplete. It answers to Christmas, and completes the chain of mercies then begun. "I came out from the Father and am come into the world; again I leave the world and go unto the Father." It certainly is not the fault of the Church that her children have forgotten. She has surrounded the day with all the accompaniments of her greatest festivals.

Preceded by the three Rogation Days as a preparation, and on the day itself proper Psalms, proper Lessons, a special Creed, Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, and a proper preface in the service of Holy Communion to be used seven days after. And in this, as in all else, Church doctrine follows Bible truth. And the place of prominence which the Church gives the festival of the Ascension is only the echo of Bible history. But is this the case? you may ask. The story of the Ascension of our Lord is only told us by one of Evangelists, and he not an eye-wit-

ness. . . . We may take it for granted that St. Luke was not an eye-witness; but he was one who had "perfect understanding of all things from the very first," and what he records was delivered to him by those who "from the beginning were eye-witnesses and ministers of the Word." There is absolutely no doubt that St. Luke has given us that which was in his day universally believed to be true by all Christians. And, in addition to the testimony of St. Luke, we have the concluding verses of St. Mark's Gospel; "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them He was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God." Supposing these last words formed no part of the original Gospel by St. Mark, but were added at a later period, they still contain a very early testimony to the current belief of the primitive Church. This is the only historical account of this great event. And how, then, do we say that it occupies a prominent place in the New Testament? And how can we account for the silence of St. Matthew and St. John? Can we believe that their Master was taken away, as St. Luke and St. Mark say he was, and that St. Matthew and St. John knew nothing about it, or, knowing, did not say? "In the first place I would submit," says the late Bishop Harvey Goodwin, "that the Apostles and Christians generally who had been our Lord after His Resurrection, or had known others who had seen Him, would think of recording the fact. It could not have been otherwise. For if our Lord had not ascended into heaven, He

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