

CHILDREN AND FORBID THEM NOT TO COME

PEACE ON EARTH

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### Picture Lessons.

BLESS that dear lady, how she charms that little boy! His face shows that his mind is busy and his heart happy. What pleases him so?

Do you see those little squares at the old lady's left? Well, they are called "Dutch tiles." They were formerly used to ornament fireplaces. When I was a boy I often saw them in old houses within the mantle-pieces. They were mostly painted with pictured stories from the Bible. The old lady is using these tiles as a lesson book for her son. Her name is Doddridge. The boy became famous as Dr. Doddridge, the author of several useful religious books. He often spoke of his mother's lessons to his friend, Mr. Orton, and said they made good impressions on his heart *which never wore out*. Some one has put his statement into rhyme, which I will print for your pleasure. The poet makes Dr. Doddridge say:

Yes, my dear friend, Mr. Orton,  
Long ere I had learned to read,  
E'en before I knew my letters—  
In my infancy, indeed;

All the grand and wondrous stories  
Of the Scriptures, New and Old,  
Full of blessing, hope, and warning,  
By my mother was I told—

While she taught me many lessons  
That are graven on my heart,  
And will never fade nor perish  
Until life itself depart.

This is how my mother taught me:  
In our home in London town  
Was a quaint and roomy fireplace  
Faced with Dutch tiles, blue and  
brown.

On these tiles were many pictures,  
Rudely painted, to record  
Great events from earth's creation  
To the days of Christ our Lord.

Years have passed, but still each  
picture  
Stands out clear as morning's sun,  
And I still can hear my mother  
As she names them one by one.