

she watered it, and watched it, and trained it, and took as much care of it as if it were the most promising shoot in the world.

Well, how did it reward her? In one year, after it was six years old, it bore five thousand bunches of grapes, and each bunch weighed one pound; these, on being sold, brought her a thousand pounds.

Now this reminds us that it is not so much having large means to do with, as in doing the best we can with small means.

AFRAID OF GOD.

SOME years ago a band of missionaries in the Fiji Islands found their home surrounded by a troop of savages armed for battle. Being both unable and unwilling to fight, they shut their door and began to pray.

Presently the howling of the savages ceased. Then one of the missionaries went out, and found only one savage there. Said the missionary, "Where are your chiefs?"

"They are gone. They heard you praying to your God; and they know your God is a strong God; and they are gone."

The savages were right at last. God is a strong God; strong to help those who love Him; strong to push His enemies. This strong God is the friend of loving little children. What good news this is for the weak and helpless!

THE BEST SAVINGS-BANK.

THE best savings-bank for a young man's *money* is a total abstinence pledge. The best savings-bank for his *time* is honest industry and a good book. The best savings-bank for his *affections* is a true woman's heart. The best savings-bank for his *soul* is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.