

nestled together in the barrels, the little boy laid the tall man's hand upon them and his fingers fluttered over them and then on to where the frosty purple grapes lay so sweet and juicy in the white birch baskets.

"These are very nice indeed, father, I think you will like them," said the little child as he lifted his beautiful eyes to his father's face, who did not return the look, but smiled down upon him, which seemed to be just what the little boy expected. He took up the hand again and gently turned his father around where stood a waiting clerk, and while he was making his purchases I spoke to the precious little guide, and the gentleman hearing my voice, turned quickly toward where I stood, and reaching out and feeling for the brown head, said:

"Ah! yes, this child is all the eyes I have, he is my only light; his little feet guide my footsteps wherever I go. I do not know what I should do without him, and he is so patient, too; never have I heard him murmur to be taken from his play to serve me."

The little fellow's eyes shone with love as his blind father praised his faithfulness.

Just to think, little children, a wee boy of seven so necessary to a great strong man, and so ready and patient to serve the dear father, who was made happy and contented by his sweet service.—*Aunt Lida in The Kindergarten.*

A LITTLE GIRL'S COMPLIMENT.

THE accuracy with which children judge character is well illustrated in the following anecdote:—

One wet, foggy, muddy day, a little girl was standing on one side of the street, in London, waiting for an opportunity to cross over. Those who have seen London streets on such a day, with their wet and mud, and have watched the rush of cabs, hansoms, omnibuses, and carriages, will not wonder that a little girl should be afraid to try to make her way through such a Babel as that. So she walked up and down, and looked into the faces of those who passed by. Some looked careless, some harsh, some were in haste; and she did not find the one she sought until at length an aged man, rather tall and spare, and of grave yet kindly aspect, came walking down the street. Looking in his face, she seemed to see in him the one for whom she

had been waiting, and she went up to him and whispered timidly, "Please, sir, will you help me over?"

The old man saw the little girl safely across the street; and when he afterwards told the story he said: "That little girl's trust is one of the greatest compliments I ever had in my life."

That man was the great and good Lord Shaftesbury. He received honours at the hands of a mighty nation; he was complimented with the freedom of the greatest city on the globe; he received the honours conferred by royalty; but the greatest compliment he ever had in his life was when the little unknown girl singled him out in the jostling crowd of a London street, and dared to trust him, stranger though he was, to protect and assist her.

CHRIST AND THE LILLIES.

"Consider the lillies how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."—LUKE XII. 27.

SAID THE CORN TO THE LILLIES,
"PRESS NOT NEAR MY FEET;
YOU ARE ONLY LILLIES,
NEITHER CORN NOR WHEAT;
DOES ONE EARN A LIVING
JUST BY BEING SWEET?"

NAUGHT ANSWERED THE LILLIES,
NEITHER YEA NOR NAY,
ONLY THEY GREW SWEETER
ALL THE LIVELONG DAY;
AND AT LAST THE TEACHER
CHANCED TO COME THAT WAY.

WHILST HIS TIRED DISCIPLES
RESTED AT HIS FEET,
AND THE PROUD CORN RUSTLED,
BIDDING THEM TO EAT,
"CHILDREN," SAID THE TEACHER,
"THE LIFE IS MORE THAN MEAT."

"CONSIDER NOW THE LILLIES,
HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY GROW!
NEVER KING HAD SUCH GLORY,
YET NO TOIL THEY KNOW."
OH HAPPY WERE THE LILLIES
THAT HE LOVED THEM SO!

—*The Children's Messenger.*

IT is not by change of circumstance, but by fitting our spirits to the circumstances in which God has placed us, that we can be reconciled to life and duty.—*F. W. Robertson.*

I HAVE been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.—*A. Lincoln.*

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