

trusted. He was right. Mark the point, and tell me if you can find a Bible-hating boy who can be trusted. Isn't it a fact that boys who hate the Bible are not trustworthy? If, therefore, you wish to be true, trusty, and trusted, you must love your Bible. With the Bible as the rule and guide of your life, every duty will be performed in a manner well pleasing to God, and of necessity well pleasing to men.

### Constant Boys.

The most constant boy in the Sabbath-school is always the best boy. He is sure to be the most interested in the lesson; first, because each lesson helps him to understand the one which comes next; and, instead of taking here and there a lesson, he has the grand truths of the Bible unfolded to him every week. The constant boy is sure to be the most loved and respected. The teacher can't help regarding him with peculiar love and care. He watches for that face; it fills his thoughts through the week; it inspires his every prayer. Constancy implies the rarest virtue. God makes it a test of saving love: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Now, my dear boys, one and all, try this rare way of living. Stand out bravely; and whatever else may be true of you, however poor, however rich, however gifted, however lacking, this trait of constancy to duty, through love to God and His service, shall raise you above all earthly circumstances to the acceptance and love of God."

In the great revivals which are now cheering so many of our churches, it is a noteworthy fact that a larger proportion than ever of the conversions are from the older girls and boys of the Sunday-school. The fact is not only a special encouragement to Sunday-school work, but it is a proof that the Sunday-school teaching of to-day is conducted with faithfulness and efficiency. Children be ready to learn. Christ is feeding his Lambs.

### The Refiner.

There was once a little piece of gold lying hid in the earth. It had lain hid so long that it thought it should never

be used, and it said to itself:—"Why do I lie idle here? Why am I not picked up, that men may see; me shine?"

One day a man dug it up and looked at it, and said:—"There is some gold in this lump; but I cannot use it as it is; I must take it to the refiner." When the refiner got it, he threw it into a melting-pot, and heated his fire to melt the gold. As soon as the little piece of gold felt the heat of the fire, it began to tremble, and cried:—"I wish I had lain quiet in the earth." But the fire grew hotter and hotter, till at last the gold melted, and left all the earthly part of the lump by itself.

"Now," said the gold, "my troubles are over; now I shall shine." But its troubles were not over yet. The man took it once more, and began to hammer it into some shape. "Ah!" said the gold; "what a trouble it is to be gold. If I had been dross or common earth, I should not have been put to all this pain." "That is true," replied the man; "if you had been dross, you would not have had all this pain; but then you would not have become what you are now—a beautiful gold ring."

The piece of gold is a little child. The dross or common earth means the child's faults and weaknesses. Jesus is the refiner. He sends trials and trouble to us to make us good and strong, and to take away our weaknesses and faults.

Pain is one of a little child's trials. If we bear patiently, Jesus will make us better by pain. He will make you brave and gentle. Next time when you have to bear pain, say to yourself, "Jesus is taking away my faults; I must be patient."—*Parable for Children.*

## Miscellaneous.

### Family Worship.

To observe stated times of daily devotion is the study of each and every one. In some retired place, where there can be freedom from interruption and observation, each should read the Bible, pray to God, and, if possible, sing a psalm or hymn of praise. This is called *private devotion*, and it should be engaged