

150 yards ahead, with a stone wall between the two forces. The intervening space between Sykes' men and the stone wall was strewn with dead, dying, and wounded Union soldiers, victims of the battle of the day before. The air was rent with their groans and agonizing cries of, "Water! water!"

"General," said a boy-sergeant in gray, "I can't stand this."

"What is the matter, sergeant?" asked the General.

"I can't stand hearing those wounded Yankees crying for water; may I go and give them some?"

"Kirkland," said the General, "the moment you step over the wall, you'll get a bullet through your head; the skirmishing has been murderous all day."

"If you let me, I'll try it."

"My boy, I ought not to let you run such a risk, but I cannot refuse. God protect you! You may go."

"Thank you, sir," and with a smile on his bright, handsome face, the boy-sergeant sprang away over the wall, down among the sufferers, pouring the blessed water down their parched throats. After the first few bullets, the Christ-like errand became understood, and shouts instead of bullets rent the air.

He came back at night to his bivouac, untouched.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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Grandmother took her glasses off and laid them in the book upon her knee. It was the great, old Bible that she always read out of on Sunday evenings, with the big plain print.

"I remember," said grandmother, folding her dear old wrinkled hands upon the page, "when I was a young girl like my grandchild Alice here, I went away from home to live in service. My dear parents were poor, and there was a large family of us; so, though I dreaded leaving home, I was proud and glad to go and earn money to buy my own clothes. When I am big enough to get good wages, I told myself, I shall send some home every month."

"But I recollect the first night in my little attic, all alone, how I longed for my mother's good-night kiss, and how I cried for Ruth and Sally in the dark. However, my mistress was kind enough, and I soon became accustomed to my strange new life."

"I made friends with the maid who lived next door, too. There were few Sunday-schools in those days, or I should have gone to Bible-class with her; but we often went to church together, and tried to have each other's company."

"But Mary Willows' friendship was very bad for me, though I didn't think so then; for she was a very foolish, wicked girl. She never thought it wrong to make fun of the service, and sometimes she persuaded me to stay away from God's house altogether, and invent an answer when my mistress questioned me about the text. I thought it wrong at first, and used to blush at making up such lies; but I soon got used to it, and came to Mary's way of thinking, that a walk was far nicer than sitting still so long in the high-backed pews."

"But one sin leads to another, Sabbath-breaking led me to dishonesty,

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My mother always taught me not to touch a pin that wasn't mine; but Mary told me she never gave her mistress anything she found upon the floor. 'If folks are careless with their pennies,' she used to say, 'it serves them right for someone else to pick them up.' She even showed me a sixpence, once, which she had swept up in the dust-pan in the sitting-room. She used to give wrong change, too, if she had a chance; and soon I learned to do it, too.

"If a visitor came unexpectedly, and I had to fetch a chop, I would tell my mistress it came to more than it really did, and keep the difference for

myself; and my mistress never thought of doubting me.

"Well, at last I left that place, and got another in the country. But I hadn't been there many days before my new mistress fell very ill. I was eighteen then, and had been three whole years learning these bad ways. But I shall remember to my dying day how my mistress called me to her bedside on market day. 'Susan,' she said, and her voice was very weak, 'you must do the marketing to-day. You will see just what we want; and I shall trust you to do your best.'

"Then she put a gold sovereign in my hand, and told me to bring her back the change. At first I hardly dared to go, I felt so undeserving of such trust. My other mistress had trusted me, and how had I rewarded her? By robbing her whenever it was possible! Ah! I felt like poor Peter then, and I, too, went away and wept bitterly.

"I never stole again," she went on presently; and I did my best to make amends. I wrote to my old mistress and confessed how wicked I had been; and I wrote to Mary, begging her to pray, as I had done, that God would renew a right spirit within her. Then I set myself to deserve the confidence my dear new mistress placed in me; and by God's help I did. I nursed her faithfully until she died."

There was silence for a minute; little Annie said: "But Peter hadn't stolen money, grandmother?"

"But he had told a lie three times," answered grandmother; "and denied the dear Lord Jesus who had trusted him: and it was Christ's sad look reminded him of that and made him weep so bitterly."

Henry IV. and his Children.

Henry IV. of France always insisted upon his children calling him papa, as he did not wish them to address him by the title of Sire and Majesty, according to the ceremonial adopted at foreign courts. He was in the habit of taking part in the childish amusements of his little ones. One day he was going round a room on all fours with the Dauphin, his first born, on his back; an ambassador unexpectedly entered his apartment. The king, without changing his posture, said to him: "Sir, have you children of your own?"

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