

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty.  
Prov. xvi, 32

### ONLY ONE.

Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky,  
Hundreds of shells on the shore together,  
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,  
Hundreds of bees in summer weather.  
Hundreds of dew drops to greet the dawn,  
Hundreds of lambs in the purple clover,  
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,  
But only one *Mother* the wide world over.

### AN ODDITY SHOWING A LAW IN OPTICS.

**W**HERE is a very singular illustration of the optical delusion which a change of position will sometimes effect:

Take a row of ordinary capital letters and figures:

SSSSSX XXXXX 33333388888

They are such as are made up of two parts of equal shapes. Look carefully at these and you will perceive that the upper halves of the characters are a very little smaller than the lower halves—so little that an ordinary eye declares them to be of equal size. Now turn the paper upside down and, without any careful looking, you will see that this difference in size is very much exaggerated; that the real top half of the letter is very much smaller than the bottom half.

**A**T one of the ragged schools in Ireland, a minister asked the poor children before him, "What is holiness?" Thereupon a poor little boy, in dirty, tattered rags, jumped up and said, "Please, your reverence, it is to be clean inside." Could anything be more correct?

### HELP YOUR MOTHER, BOYS.

**W**E know a very noble and influential man who used to help his mother by scouring knives and forks every day before he went to school, and wipe dishes as well. It would do our boys good to know how to sweep, to sew, and be helpful about the house. No boy ever lightened too much his mother's daily duties. There is no danger of his getting weak or girl'sh. The more of a girl's gentleness he combines with a boy's strength, the nobler man he will become. Be polite to your mother; lift your hat to her, open the gate for her, bring a chair for her, save steps for her, be proud of her. Many a weary day and night she has watched over and worked for you; now let your care for her fill her life with sunshine and her heart with joy.

### A LITTLE EVERY DAY.

**E**VERY day a little helpfulness. Let us live for the good of others. In "little deeds of kindness," repeated every day, we shall find true happiness. At home, at school, in the street, in the neighbour's house, on the playground, we shall find opportunity every day for usefulness.

Every day a little look into the Bible, one chapter a day—what a treasure of Bible knowledge one may acquire in ten years! Every day a verse committed to memory—what a volume in the mind at the end of twenty-five years!

Every day a little knowledge: one fact in a day. How small a thing is one fact—only one! Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred and fifty facts are not a small thing!

### REDEEMING THE TIME.

Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James iii. 16.