

GOOD LITTLE STEWARDS.

We find in the New York Observer a pastor's novel plan for teaching his Sunday-school children the meaning of the parable of the pounds. Early in the year, he procured a roll of two hundred new cents. He gave one to each child in his school, and asked that the cent should be used in such a way as to bring in something more for the Christmas offering. The report read at the Christmas festival surprised every one. One child reported, "I took my cent and bought yarn, and knitted a pair of garters, which I sold for ten cents. With the ten cents bought card board and ribbon, and made two book marks, which sold for fifty cents. The fifty cents bought white and colored twine, with which I made three tidies, which sold for fifty cents each." That child's cent brought in one dollar and a half. Another made ten dollars, beginning by selling the bright cent for two old ones. These bought tissue paper for lamp lighters, selling for ten cents. The ten cents bought ice cream enough to sell for twenty-five cents to her companions. This was spent in material for four mats, selling for twenty-five cents apiece, the proceeds buying cardboard for painted mottoes, these bringing three dollars, which she spent in books and more mottoes, and so finally gained ten dollars to hand in at Christmas time. These are examples of many others. Of the whole two hundred, only five or six returned the cent without addition. More than sixty dollars was the result of these investments.

What are we doing with our pennies?

IS IT TOO LATE?

It may be too late, quite too late, to set right mischief once done, to avert consequences, to stop the working of the evil that we have set in motion. But it is never too late to come back to God. If you can't be what you might have been, yet you can still be something that Christ will love and value—a humble, penitent soul. If you cannot serve God as you might have done—nay, if you have done harm that you can never undo—yet you can still give Him what He values more than all service—a will surrendered to His will. If it is too late for everything else it is never too late to join the service of Christ.—Bishop Temple.

EASTER TIDE.

Jesus Master, risen Saviour, May our lives ascend to Thee Daily, hourly, without measure Pressing onward steadfastly. Lives harmonious governed ever By the thought of Thee on high, Growing fuller, richer, grander, Till they reach Thee in the sky, And we sing with all the angels, Evermore our Easter lay, Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord through endless day.

—Carol.

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