

Children's Treasury.

BLESSING ON THE YOUNG.

From Times of Blessing.

It is somewhat remarkable that, even in our cities, the young people of our Sabbath schools have been blessed very much by the instrumentality of their own teachers, rather than by the direct agency of those honored brethren whom God has so used. We might say that the showers came down on the hills in connection with our American friends, and then the streams found their way to the valleys; the refreshing visited the teachers and parents, and then by their means reached the children.

A minister, not long since, asked the teachers of his Sabbath school to give him some hints of what had taken place in their classes. "I have to thank the Lord for much personal blessing received at this time. Truly He hath lifted upon me the light of his countenance"—this was the explanatory statement in one of the replies given to his request; and then followed a brief account of "five who had been savingly changed within the last three months." One of these waited for her teacher as she was about to leave the school on Sabbath evening, and slipt her hand into hers, saying that she would like to walk home with her. The girl was very anxious. The teacher spoke to her of Jesus, the way to the Father, and light came.

In a class of boys, one was deeply impressed by an address on Exodus xii. 7,—safety when sheltered by the blood; his whole thoughts seemed occupied with the subject, so that when spoken to he could say nothing but "The blood!" Another heard the story of a man who had scoffed at salvation the night before he was cut off by an accident. The miserable state of this man in his dying hour, after having rejected the great salvation, was the means of leading this boy to receive Christ. A

fellow-scholar was arrested by what he heard spoken on the word "whosoever," in John iii. 15, 16. Another boy had saddened the heart of his teacher by his sulky looks, as well as great indifference. But he was impressed at a district meeting, and helped on to the gate of the city of refuge at an inquiry meeting connected with one of the Foundry Boys' Society classes. His whole appearance has been changed. His countenance now is not "fallen," like Cam's, but happy, as we fancy Able's was at his altar. He was overheard persuading a fellow-scholar to decide: "I never knew what it was to be happy till I became decided for Christ." He is now quite a missionary in his class.

"One mark of their conversion," said a teacher in regard to two young scholars, "is this, their desire to do something for Jesus. Last Friday night they gave away twenty tracts on their way home from the meeting." A young disciple rises early, that before his work begins he may get time to read his Bible and the *Pilgrim's Progress*. Another was heard praying for "long life, that so he might serve the Lord Jesus long." While some almost wish to pass at once from conflict into glory, it is more common to find that the case of the dying thief, who passed into paradise that same day he found the Lord, is not considered enviable. A desire to work for the Lord is found in all these young converts.

A boy of a dull, sleepy disposition, difficult to interest, was awakened, and ever since his *mental* as well as *spiritual* activity has been remarkably aroused. His parents see the change at home, and in the workshop he is not ashamed to own his Lord. The teacher of this boy one evening saw his companion shedding tears; found him really anxious, and getting him alone, pointed him to