

"they all broke." It is no small thing to secure the heart and imagination of a small child. A wise man has said: "To fill the imagination with beautiful images is the best thing that can be done to educate little children. At the end of the year this little boy's mother sent the teacher an envelope. When it was opened it was found to contain, as an expression of her gratitude for all that had been done for her boy two hard-earned dollars.

THANK GOD FOR MOTHER.

After one of the hard-fought battles in the war, a Confederate chaplain was called hastily to see a dying soldier. Taking his hand, he said:

"Well, my brother, what can I do for you?"

He supposed, of course, the young fellow would want to cry to God for help in his extremity; but it was not so.

"Chaplain," said he, "I want you to cut a lock of hair for my mother; and then, chaplain, I want you to kneel down and return thanks to God for me."

"For what?" asked the chaplain.

"For giving me such a mother. Oh, she is a good mother. Her teachings are my comfort now. And then, chaplain, thank God that by His grace I am a Christian. What would I do now if I were not a Christian? And thank Him for giving me dying grace. He makes this hard bed feel 'soft as downy pillows are.' And, oh, chaplain, thank Him for the promised home in glory—I'll soon be there."

"And so," said the chaplain, "I kneeled by his bed with not a petition to utter, only praises and thanksgiving for a good mother, a Christian hope, dying grace and an eternal home in glory."

—The virtue of prosperity is temperance; of adversity, fortitude. —Francis Bacon.

—The man who exalts common sense as a god probably realizes that it is something entirely apart from himself.

—Many a failure to do one's duty might be traced to a failure to realize that there is never but one duty to be done at a time.

—The door of heaven is opened on earth, and every man has a key, which he is free to use or not, as he chooses.

DIED.

The Rev. Alfred Wm. Holland Chowne, B.D., Incumbent of St. Mark's, Emsdale, and Rural Dean of Parry Sound, Diocese of Algoma, April 20th, 1899.

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