

## Children's Corner.

### DO YOU THINK TO PRAY?

Ere you left your room this morning,  
Did you think to pray?  
In the name of Christ our Saviour  
Did you sue for loving favour  
As a shield to-day?

When you met with great temptations,  
Did you think to pray?  
By His dying love and merit  
Did you claim His Holy Spirit  
As your guide and stay?

When your heart was filled with anger,  
Did you think to pray?  
Did you plead for grace, my brother,  
That you might forgive another  
Who had crossed your way?

When sore trials came upon you,  
Did you think to pray?  
When your soul was bowed with sorrow,  
Balm of Gilead did you borrow  
At the gates of day?

### TOO CERTAIN.

"Father, I am tired of reading the Bible. I have read it so often that I know everything in it."

"Everything, my son? Do you think you could not find one chapter that would contain something you never noticed?"

"Yes, father, I think so. I am sure I know all that is in the historical parts of the Bible."

"Well, let me try you. When were a large number of men fed with a few loaves of bread, and a supply left when they had done eating?"

"Why, father, surely I remember Christ's feeding several thousand persons at two different times, with a few loaves and fishes."

"Very well, those are two instances. Now tell the third."

"There is no other in the Bible."

"You are perfectly sure of that, are you? Suppose you reflect a little before you answer again."

"Yes father I've thought, and I'm certain there is no other miracle of the kind mentioned in the Bible."

"Well, my son, open your Bible at the fourth chapter of the fourth book of Kings."

"The fourth book of Kings! Father, there is no such book."

"Hand me the Bible. What does this title say?"

"It is 'The second Book of the Kings, commonly called the fourth book of the Kings.'"

"Well, there is one thing learned by the boy that knew the Bible so well! Now turn to the fourth chapter, and read from the forty-second verse."

"Here it is, sir: 'And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God—'"

"Who was the man of God?"

"I must look. It was the prophet Elisha."

"Now proceed."

"'And brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. And his servitor said, What! should I set this before a hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof. So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.'"

"That will do for this time, my son! I have never wished to make the reading of the Scriptures tedious by requiring you to read them continually, without giving you other books to read. But I wanted to convince you how mistaken young people are apt to be in their ideas of their own knowledge. There are thousands of children—yes, and of men and women too—who would read with great interest many passages in the Bible if they found them in a fresh and beautiful volume which they believed to contain nothing but what was published for the first time. Remember this, and let me advise you to read the four books of Kings, and to make a list of all the passages you will find there, which, like the one you have just read, are as new to you as if you had never heard nor read them."