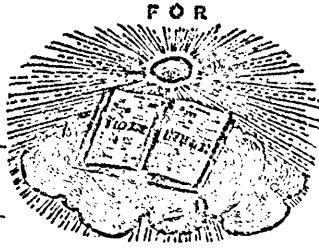


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Train up a Child in the way he should go:

and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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## A CHILD'S HYMN OF PRAISE.

I thank the goodness and the grace  
Which on my birth have smiled,  
And made me, in these Christian days,  
A free and happy child.

I was not born as thousands are,  
Where God was never known,  
And taught to pray a useless prayer  
To blocks of wood and stone.

I was not born a little slave,  
To labour in the sun,  
And wish I were but in the grave,  
And all my labour done!

I was not born without a home,  
Or in some broken shed;  
A gypsy tribe, might steal my bread,  
And steal my daily bread.

My God, I thank Thee, who hath planned  
A better lot for me,  
And placed me in this happy land,  
And where I hear of Thee.

Selected for the Sunday School Guardian.

## THOUGHTS FOR A SABBATH EVENING.

*What have I heard to-day?*

The word of God my soul to guide,  
In which I ever may confide;  
The Gospel of a Saviour's love,  
To raise my heart and thoughts above;  
To teach me how my God to serve,  
And how his precepts to observe;  
How all my sins may be forgiven,  
And how my soul made meet for Heaven!  
How did I hear to-day,  
Did I with reverence attend  
The message which my God did send?  
Did it delight and hope afford,  
To listen to His Holy Word?  
And did I offer up my prayer,  
That he my spirit would prepare,  
With faith and meekness, to receive  
Those blessings which he waits to give!  
O write thy truth, with power Divine,  
Upon this treacherous heart of mine;  
And may each Sabbath lead my way  
To God and to eternal day!

## Scripture Illustrations.

### ANGRY SUNSET.

"Let not the sun go down upon thy wrath."—Ephes. iv. 26.

Alluding to this command of St. Paul, Bishop Horneck relates, from ecclesiastical history, that two Bishops, having quarrelled in a most intemperate manner, one of them sent to the other the following message:—"Brother, the sun is going down." Upon receiving this message, the offended Bishop forgot his anger, ran to the house of his Episcopal brother, fell upon his neck, and kissed him.

### SPRINKLING THE NATIONS.

"So shall he sprinkle many nations."—Isa. lii. 15.

In the East, when a prince or great man gives a grand entertainment, there are servants, who sprinkle with perfumed liquids, (rosewater, &c.,) the several guests as they enter. This sprinkling is understood to fit them for the presence of their entertainer, to declare them his guests, and, as such, to place them under his favour and protection. So, dear reader, shall the Lord Jesus "sprinkle many nations." They are invited to the feast of the Gospel, Luke xiv. 16-24. But in order that they may be acceptable guests, they must be sprinkled with the purifying grace, the "clean water" of his Holy Spirit. Ezek. xxxvi. 25. May you be thus sprinkled by the blessed Saviour; may you be a partaker of his mercy here, and of his glory hereafter!

### WOMEN DRAWING WATER.

"At the time that women go out to draw water."—Gen. xxiv. 11.

It is the work of females, in the East, to draw water both morning and evening; and they may be seen going in groups to the wells, with their vessels on the hip or shoulder. In the morning they talk about the events of the past night, and in the evening about those of the day. Many a time would the story of Abraham's servant and Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel, be repeated by the women of Mesopotamia, in their visits to the well.—*Roberts's Oriental Illustrations.*

### INQUIRING OF THE MOUTH.

"We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth."—Gen. xxiv. 57.

Do people wish to know the truth of any thing which has been reported of another? they say, "Let us go and inquire of his mouth." "Let us hear the birth of his mouth." Do servants ask a favour of their mistress? she will say, "I know not the birth of the master's mouth; I will inquire at his mouth." So the mother and brother of Rebekah inquired at the mouth of the damsel whether she felt willing to go with the man. "And she said, I will go."