

With gentle force soliciting the darts,
He drew them forth, and healed, and bade
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YOUTHFUL GENEROSITY.

DEAR YOUNG READERS,—What an interesting sight is here presented to us for our "portion" this month.

Suppose you see a poor blind man sitting by the way side, with his faithful dog by his side. I am sure your hearts pity him, but are you not delighted to think that there are some dear children standing beside him, and when I tell you that they are good S. School Scholars, you will easily guess their intention. But let us look a little at the blind man begging; though we have no picture to represent him, yet we may easily recall such a scene, with his hat in his hand, and stretching it out so that any passer-by may have an opportunity of putting some money into it, to pay his lodgings, and assist him on his way; the children see his needy condition, and they perceive his sealed eyes, and their hearts are touched with compassion for him. But they not only feel for this poor man being unable to see—they try to help him, and come with a penny to put into his hat. You see they approach with great caution. Probably they are timid, and afraid of the dog, but their tender hearted kindness urges them forward until we see one actually putting in her penny. The faithful dog, however, seems instinctively to know that these three little girls are approaching with friendly intentions—he perceives the outstretched arm, and knows that in that tiny hand there is something to alleviate the distressing condition of his needy master, and himself. Therefore, he retains his harmless position, and is pleased to see them approach.

Now, little readers, we wish you to imitate these dear children. Consider their case. We know that many who go about begging are not so poor as they say; but only feign to be what they are not. Often we require to consider what we do in such cases, lest our kind intentions to aid them, only

lead them faster to their ruin. But we shall often come in contact with those who are really poor. Yes, even the people of God are sometimes very poor, knowing not where their next meal may come from. Many of you, I believe, will have heard of an old woman who sat down to a crust of bread and a little water, who exclaimed with gratitude, "I have all this and Jesus Christ besides." Here was a child of God, poor as to this world's wealth, but "rich in faith," and an heir of immortal glory. Now, dear children, it is pleasing to God when we wisely consider such. He says, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee." Here is a glorious reward to those who seek to aid their poor brethren and sisters, and we earnestly pray that our young readers may merit such a blessing. Perhaps some of you may be placed in circumstances in which you cannot help to feed or clothe the poor; but if you cannot do this, you can, at least, learn to sympathise with them. Do not think that because of their poverty, they are not your equals. Think, rather, of the condescending love of God. He is no respecter of persons. He does not love people more because of their gay clothing, extensive lauds, or high attainments! No. He tells us, that "Upon this man will I look who is poor, and of a contrite spirit, and who tremble at my word." Jehovah looks not at the outward appearance of an individual, but upon the heart. Now, look around you, and I am sure you will find many who are poor, and yet every way worthy of your affectionate regard. Dear children, consider their case. Try to alleviate their sufferings temporarily and spiritually, and you will