

HOW RELIGION HELPS CHILDREN.

Religion helps children to study better and do more faithful work. A little girl of twelve was telling in a simple way the evidence that she was a Christian. 'I did not like to study, but to play. I was idle at school, and often missed my lessons. Now I try to learn every lesson well to please God. I was mischievous at school when the teachers were not looking at me, making fun for the children to look at. Now I wish to please God by behaving well, and keeping the school laws. I was selfish at home; didn't like to run errands, and was sulky when mother called me from play to help her in work. Now it is a real joy to me to help mother in any way, and to show that I love her.' Such a religion is essential to the best interest and moral growth of youth, and will make life sunny and cheerful. — *Christian at Work.*

PROFANE LANGUAGE.

It is related by Dr. Scudder that on his return from his mission in India, after a long absence, he was standing on the deck of a steamer, with his son, a youth, when he heard a gentleman using loud and profane language. 'See, friend,' said the Doctor, accosting the swearer, 'this boy, my son, was born and brought up in a heathen country, and a land of pagan idolatry; but in all his life he never heard a man blaspheme his Maker until now.' The man colored, blurted out an apology, and looked not a little ashamed of himself. — *Our Boys and Girls.*

HOW CAN I HELP TO MAKE HOME HAPPY.

The following good resolutions if adopted will make home happy, bright and cheerful.

1. To make home duties of the first importance; not to despise the *very small*, but to perform even it as 'unto God.'
2. To undertake no work *outside* which may cause the neglect of even that 'small duty' at home.
3. To think of the happiness of others before my own; 'for even Christ pleased not Himself,' and went away, 'leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps.'
4. To try to add to the happiness of every member of my family, sympathizing in both what gives them *pain* and *pleasure*.
5. To find out my besetting sin, and

fight hard to overcome it; for 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.'

6. To remember that God has formed my home, and as long as He leaves me in it, no one but myself can fill the niche in which he has placed me.

Content to fill a little space
If Thou be glorified.

7. To improve the talents that God has given me, especially those that will give pleasure or be of use to others, remembering the command; 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' — *Faith and Works.*

A FEW CHEERING WORDS TO MOTHER.

Dear, good mother has been reading the stories for the children, and now she wants a few cheering words for herself. When evening comes how often we hear the mother say, 'O, I am so tired, and yet I have accomplished nothing to-day! The children take all my time; there is always something to be done for them.' Tired, faithful mother, instead of accomplishing nothing, you have accomplished a great deal of good work.

There is a record of your day's work kept in the upper courts of the King of all the earth. If you could see it you would find recorded little acts of love and patience which you never thought worth while to mention, and scarcely remember.

Very near to the Comforter are the tired mothers. He sees all their self-sacrifices, all their patient suffering. When they feel their weakness He giveth them strength.

Don't be discouraged or disheartened, good mothers; you have the most important office of trust given to mortals. Faithfulness brings its own reward. By-and-by the little ones will grow to be men and women. They will rise up and call you blessed. The fruit of your good teachings and example will be seen in them. The children will never forget their loving, patient mother, and the memories of their home life with you will be the sweetest and dearest of all their childhood.

MARTYRDOM OF BISHOP PAT-
TESON.

It was now the 20th of September, 1871: the days were very hot and brilliantly fine. Socialism and still was the sea that the "Scutcheon Cross" lay motionless in the midst of the blue waters within