

you want the child to be. If you make a mistake, where it is possible own to it at once. Avoid "cant". Be absolutely true; above all, in religion. Remember, "Mother is the name for God in the hearts of little children." This is a high call, but motherhood is the greatest thing on earth. Put your children first, not with themselves or others, but let them be and feel they are first with you. Let them be conscious of your love the last thing at night. Ask their advice and help when you can, and, as a little boy I know advised, "cuddle them often, and never be cross." Little children are often wise in heavenly wisdom.

Above everything, let the living Christ be revered in your home. Let friendship be greatly honored, and self-control be a thing much admired and striven for. Then "bide a wee and dinna weary." The chances are, no, almost the certainty is, that you will send out from your home men and women well-fitted to do good work in the world,—“and with God be the rest !”

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#### Father's Time

"Oh, no, I cannot go with you after tea to-night, because that is father's time, and we always have so much fun then."

Away all day, immersed in business cares, the father could give no time to his children except the hour before their bedtime. With what happy, light hearts those little ones went to sleep to dream beautiful dreams of father-love!

#### Real Bravery

When Morton was a little boy, his father and mother paid little attention to his bumps and bruises, and so he learned not to mind them himself.

One day, when he was five years old, he was playing with his dearest friend, Wilfred, across the street. Morton was at the head of the back stairs—a long, steep flight, and somehow he lost his balance, and down he tumbled, from top to bottom.

Hearing the noise and the screams of the other children, Wilfred's mother and a neighbour who was there, together with Ann, the kitchen girl, rushed to the spot. Morton

reached the foot of the stairs, and turning to look at the way he had come, he said, cheerily:

"That was quite a fall, wasn't it?"

On an earlier occasion Morton displayed even greater bravery and endurance. He was on a visit to an uncle with his father and mother, and they had been for a drive in his uncle's carriage. The small boy wanted a longer ride, and the coachman, who had taken a fancy to the lad, said that he might ride round to the stable, and that he would bring him home when he came. So Morton jumped in again, happy enough. The coachman gave the door a bang. Alas, one of the little hands chanced to be right in the way! Nobody saw it, but they heard a sudden cry of pain. The little fellow's lip was quivering, but not even a whimper did he make.

"That was my thumb!" he remarked.

Of course everybody was sorry; but although it was enough to cause the loss of the nail, there was never any further ado about it.—Youth's Companion

#### The Good Shepherd

How many different names are given to Jesus! They all help us to know Him better, and then we shall love Him more. Last Quarter, we saw Him as the Life and Light of men. Now, for three months, we are going to look at Him as the Good Shepherd. We shall see how much He did and still does, for His sheep. In some of the Lessons the Good Shepherd is on earth, working and suffering. In the rest He is in Heaven, preparing a happy home for His followers and watching over them on their way to it. We are to learn about:

##### I. THE SHEPHERD ON EARTH:

1. Jesus giving His life.
2. Jesus weeping with His friends.
3. Jesus accepting a gift.
4. Jesus receiving honor.
5. Jesus humbling Himself.
6. Jesus praying for His people.
7. Jesus misjudged.
8. Jesus crucified.

##### II. THE SHEPHERD IN HEAVEN:

10. Jesus opening the way into heaven.
11. Jesus speaking from heaven.
12. Jesus providing a home.
13. Jesus the King of glory.