

The man turned away, he could give no answer. May we not believe that the words of that little child were God's own message to him, and hope that they led him to seek the loving Father whom he had forsaken?

One day "Bright" told a heathen cousin, a girl of double his own age, that they would make a Christian of her, and that she must learn to read, to go to Church, and to pray. The girl did not wish to become a Christian, and said,—"No, I shall never be a Christian; they make you drink stale fish water!"

This is one of the strange ideas which the heathen have about those who become converts to Christianity. "Bright" was able to deny the charge from his own experience, as he had been baptized with his parents.

"They don't make you do that," he said. "The *patri* (or clergyman) made a cross with water upon my head and prayed for me. But I had no water to drink."

At one time when food was put before the children, "Bright" told the same heathen cousin that she must not eat yet, but wait till they had prayed, as they always did that first. The child then repeated the Lord's Prayer, which besides a number of texts, he had been taught by a missionary lady.

Little "Bonny" is only three years old, and has a round, happy face, with fine dark eyes. He was baptized at the same time as his parents and brother, and seemed rather surprised when he was taken into the arms of the missionary who conducted the service. When describing it afterwards he said, "The *Sahib* took me up and poured water on my head, and the Miss *Sahiba* kissed me."

Surely these little Indian boys may be taken as an example by many an English child. May they not teach a lesson of boldness in the Master's service, and of never forgetting Him among all our happiness and play? None are too young to be His little soldiers, and to give themselves to Him. May God give grace to many who read the story of these children to say from their hearts like little "Bright": "I am a Christian; I will never leave the Lord;" and may they be able to keep their promise by the help of the Holy Spirit. E. P. G.

#### A Boy's Presence of Mind.

The young heroes of fiction sometimes stray into real life, and then they "get into newspapers." Or is it that the hero of real life is seized upon and used for his own purposes by the story-writer? However that may be, a little boy of nine years showed great presence of mind recently at or near Kingston, New York, and became conscious that he had done the very thing that the boy in the story so often does. Here is the incident:

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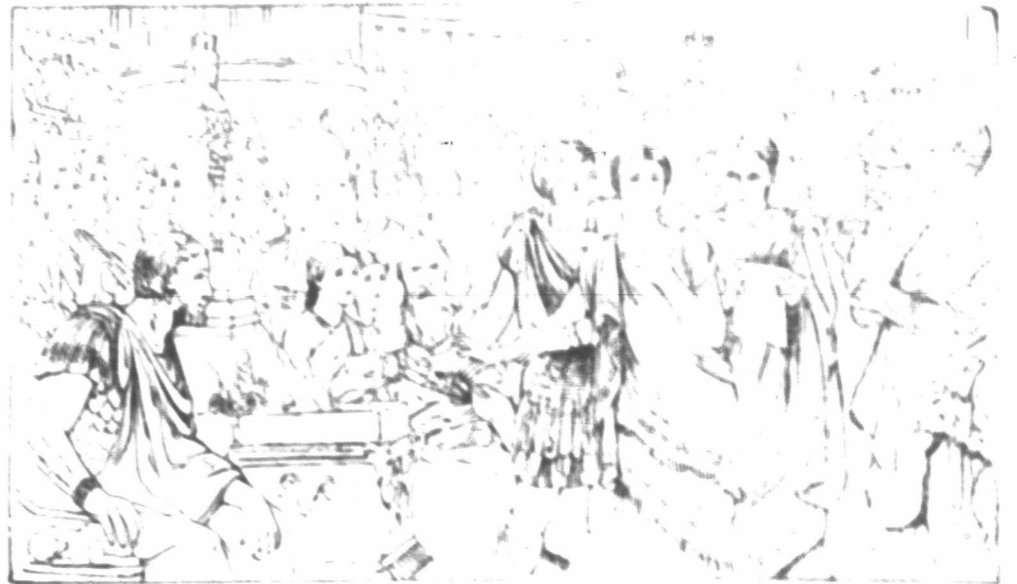
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ing on the track waving a red handkerchief. The engineer applied the air-brake, and the train was stopped in a jiffy.

"A few rods from the entrance of the cut the track was blockaded with rocks, which the boy said had been dislodged a few minutes previous. The passengers crowded around the lad. He said his name was Norman Smith, and that he was the nine-year-old son of William Smith, of Wilbur. A purse was made up and presented to him. He refused to accept the money, and as the train moved off somebody put the purse in the boy's pocket. He is wealthier now than any other juvenile in Wilbur."

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#### Jumbo.

Jumbo, Barnum's big elephant, alive, weighed seven tons; stuffed, he weighs three tons. His height is twelve feet; length, fourteen feet; girth measurement, eighteen feet. The skin is nailed to a wooden form, over which it is stretched; 74,480 nails were used in nailing it, and not one of them shows. A string that will pass around two ordinary men under the arms—they standing back to back—will just pass round the leg of Jumbo. The skeleton is

even more interesting than the skin, if possible. It requires a special car fifty feet long, so arranged that the bottom is within six inches of the roadbed. The skin was put in a bath of arsenic and other ingredients for two months, for tanning purposes. This reduced the thickness from an inch and a half to a uniform thickness of half an inch. —*Journal of Education.*

—Never delay until to-morrow what ought to be done to-day.