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HOUSEHOLD.

To Mothers.

'Don't you remember that Bible story I told you?' said a mother to her little boy, one day when the clergyman called. 'You never told me any Bible stories!' was the rude answer, as the boy disappeared out of the door. And yet, in spite of its rudeness, it was apparently true. Are there not many mothers whose children might say the same? And yet we are told in Deut. vi, 6, 7. 'These words . . . shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children.' Dear mothers, let us heed these words. How great will be our shame and reproach if one day our children rise up and accuse us because we never taught them the Bible. Of course this applies as much to fathers, but in most houses the mother is with the little ones all day, while the father is away, so she has the most time. A mother once said to me that she had no time to teach her child the Bible; but surely that cannot be so. It is quite easy to tell them stories while we sew, or even while we wash dishes or peel potatoes. We find time to tell them nursery rhymes and fairy stories, and from my own experience as a mother, I know that children will listen as eagerly, and ask as often for the stories of Samuel, Joseph, David, or Daniel, or the sweet stories of Jesus and his love, as they will for any fairy tale. But perhaps there may be some one, who, if the truth were told, would have to confess that she is not herself familiar enough with the Bible to tell her children its stories; who perhaps even hardly knows where to look to find the suitable ones. Well, in that case surely her first duty is to take time to read for herself, and to become acquainted with them as soon as possible. And meanwhile, for fear she is tempted to put off till to-morrow what ought to be done to-day, there are so many nice, simple books of Bible stories for children; get one, and read to the little ones daily, and see if the result is not encouraging. Children of three or four are not too young to enjoy Bible stories, simply told,

nor to love the dear Saviour, who so loves little ones.

Remember, the things of God are the principal things. Better to let some other work go, than crowd out the Bible. It is for eternity, and how foolish if we should work and provide for our children only for the few short years of time, and leave them unprovided for, in the long, long future of God!—'Canada Baptist.'

I Do Not Ask, O Lord.

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be
A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
Aught of its load.

I do not ask that flowers should always
spring
Beneath my feet.
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things too sweet.

For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I
plead:
Lead me aright,
Though strength should falter and though
heart should bleed,

Through peace to light.
I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou should shed
Full radiance here;
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread
Without a fear.

I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,
And follow Thee.

Joy is like restless day; but peace divine
Like quiet night.
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine,
Through peace to light.
—Adelaide Procter.

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