

IN SORROW.

Is it rainy, little flower?
Be glad of rain:
Too much sun would wither thee;
'Twill shine again.
The clouds look very black, 'tis true,
But just behind them smiles the blue.

Art thou weary, tender heart?
Be glad of pain:
In sorrow sweetest things will grow,
As flowers in rain.
God watches, and thou wilt have sun
When clouds their perfect work have done.

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A YOUTHFUL WORKER.

Of all the foolish, not to say sinful, notions that young people indulge, one of the commonest is this: that they are not to be good and do good until they are older. There is nothing in Scripture or reason to sustain such an idea, hence we are warranted in saying it is suggested by the evil spirit, the enemy of all that is good. Elbert Hawkins, unlike many other boys who get it into their heads that they must be mean in order to be manly, determined to grow up in the service of Christ; so one Sunday morning he gave his heart to Christ and his name to the preacher for membership in the Church. That very day, as he was looking out of the window after dinner, he saw three new boys sitting on the curbstone in front of the house. The thought occurred to him that he might induce them to go to Sunday-school. Out he went, sat down with them and mentioned the matter. They laughed and tried to make fun at first, but they soon found he was in "dead earnest!" To make a long story short,



THE CONTEST.

they agreed to go; and now there are no pupils in that Sunday-school more prompt and attentive than those same three newsboys. Did you ever try to do anything for Christ? If not, why not?

THE CONTEST.

WHEN Mr. Gordon moved to Montana the children saw many wonderful things, but nothing so interested them as the Indians that came to the village. At first the children were afraid of their visitors, but they soon became much attached to Little Wolf and Screech Owl, the chief's two boys, of whom he was very proud. They astonished the Gordon children by feats of marksmanship with their bows and arrows, and seemed particularly skilful when shooting at a nickel, which was to go into the beaded pouch of the one who first succeeded in hitting it.

But even Minnie Gordon was old enough to see that for all their courage, cunning, and cruelty when on the war-path, the red men must give way before the whites. The contest between the two races for the possession of this great country must end as did the trial upon Mount Carmel. God's purpose is to give the land to the nations who will make the best use of it.

GOODNESS.

BY REV. WILBUR F. CRAFTS.

The fruit of the Spirit is goodness.—Gal. v. 22.

ONE of the pleasantest memories of my boyhood is an old man with white hair and sweet face, who used to speak at children's meetings and give away cards, on one of which were some words about doing good which I have remembered ever since:

"For Jesus Christ's sake,
Do all the good you can;

To all the people you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
And as long as ever you can."

Benjamin Franklin, who was so great and good that many cities have statues of him, when he was a boy, by reading a book about doing good, was made to feel that the grandest thing any one could be was "a doer of good." Trying to do good, he became also great and happy. Reading the Bible ought to make all of us begin now to be "doers of good."

But if you want to do good you must first be good. You think a word before you speak it. You think what you will do with your hands before you do it. So before you can do good with lips and hands you must be good in your heart. If you want to do as Jesus did, you must feel as Jesus felt, you must have "the mind of Christ," the Holy Spirit of God. "The fruit of the Spirit is goodness." A tree cannot bear good fruit unless it is first a good tree. Doing grows out of being. That great and good man, Jonathan Edwards, when a boy, wrote in his diary, "Resolved to live with all my might while I do live." He became a Christian when only seven years old, being led to Jesus by a lady who had been converted when a little girl only four years of age, and so had a long time in which to do good.

God loves even bad children, and if they will let him come into their hearts he will make them good. Let me give you prayer for goodness:

"Make me faithful, loving, dutiful,
Make thy home within me beautiful,
Cleanse my heart from sin,
Let no stranger in."

BUY the truth, and sell it not.