

"TRY"

Mr. Robert Raikes, whose benevolent desire to promote the best interests of his poorer neighbors first led to the formation of Sabbath Schools, was almost discouraged, by the various objections he had to contend with, from attempting to give instruction to the miserably neglected children who filled the streets of Gloucester, on the Lord's day particularly, but whilst meditating on the subject the word "Try" was so forcibly impressed upon his mind, that he determined to begin and do something however little it might be; and, many years after, when his plan had succeeded far beyond his highest hopes, he observed that he never passed the spot where the word "Try" came across his mind, without lifting up his hands and heart to heaven in gratitude to God for having put the thought into his heart.

THE FOLLY OF PRIDE.

The very witty and sarcastic Rev. Sydney Smith, for many years one of the contributors to the great English Reviews, thus discourseth on the folly of pride in such a creature as man:

"After all, take some quiet, sober moment of life, and add together the two ideas of pride, and of man; behold him, creature of a span high, stalking through infinite space in all the grandeur of littleness. Perched on a speck of the universe, every wind of heaven strikes into his blood the coldness of death; his soul floats from his body like melody from the string; day and night, as dust on the wheel, he is rolled along the heavens, through a labyrinth of worlds, and all the creations of God are flaming above and beneath. Is this a crea-

ture to make himself a crown of glory; to deny his own flesh, to mock at his fellow, sprung from that dust to which both will soon return. Does the proud man not err? Does he not suffer? Does he not sorrow? Does he not die? When he reasons is he never stopped by difficulties? When he acts, is he never tempted by pleasure? When he lives is he free from pain? When he dies can he escape the common grave? Pride is not the heritage of man; humility should dwell with frailty, and atone for ignorance, error and imperfection."

THE NEW BONNET.

Are any of our young friends fond of dress? If so, we wish to give them a word of caution.

There is nothing wrong in trying to make ourselves agreeable to others. A careless, slatternly way of dressing, as well as torn, soiled, and untidy articles of dress, are disagreeable, and should be avoided. A plain, durable, clean, and suitable apparel is always agreeable, and should be preferred.

Some girls are fond of show in dress. They seek gaudy colors. If they cannot afford to get good articles they will at any rate get showy ones, and instead of being satisfied with what is suitable to their means and station in life, they try to dress like those above them.

Many a gay bonnet covers anything but a neat head of hair.—Many a showy dress keeps a soiled skirt out of sight. Many a fancy shoe covers an undarned stocking, and many a kid glove conceals untrimmed finger nails.

We do not suppose that any very strict rules can be laid down about such things; But the Bible plainly teaches us, that while our outward