

A WISE LITTLE BOY.

I was well acquainted with a little boy by the name of Hans. One day, when his pastor left the house, he went to his mother and said, "Mother, why did you not tell the minister to ask God to give me a new heart?" That was truly a great question for a boy so young, that he had never even thought of going to Sabbath school. Hans felt that he needed a new heart. He had likely prayed for a new heart himself. His godly parents had, doubtless, asked that best of gifts for him, and he was anxious to have others ask that great treasure for him. Children, I am not only telling you about somebody that did live, but about somebody that does live. I could any day step up and lay my hand on the head of that same little red haired Hans. He has now become a dear little Sabbath school scholar. I hope God has given him a new heart, and he is learning more and more about the Saviour.

Now, dear children, I think I hear you saying, "I would like so much to have a new heart, too." I am so glad to hear you say that. But you say, "Will God give a new heart to unworthy sinners?" Yes, he will, for he expressly says, "A new heart also will I give you." Then go and pray, O Father, give me a new heart, according to thy promise, for Jesus' sake. May your great desire be to get a heart to believe all that God says; to love him more than any other object and to do whatever he tells you. And, in order to secure this precious jewel, make a good improvement of all your privileges, and trust in the Holy Spirit to make you holy and happy, and prepare you for going to heaven.

"A broken spirit is to God
A pleasing sacrifice:
A broken and a contrite heart,
Lord, thou wilt not despise."

I will ask God to give you all this new heart — *Youth's Evangelist*.

Book Notices.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL ALMANAC FOR 1862.—Mr. Wilson, of Philadelphia, the proprietor and compiler of the Historical Almanac, is prosecuting his work with vigour. The Almanac may be expected before the beginning of the year. The value of the work may be judged from the volumes already published; although we believe the forthcoming number will be an improvement on the previous volumes. We regret to understand that hitherto, especially in Canada, the circulation has not been so great as might have been expected. We trust that there will be no reason for complaint again. The varied particulars embraced in the Historical Almanac, in connexion with Presbyterianism throughout the world, are important not only to ministers and elders, but to Presbyterians generally, and we trust that many will avail themselves of the source of interesting useful information here put within their reach.

NICHOL'S SERIES OF STANDARD PURITAN DIVINES. The works of Thomas Goodwin, D.D., sometime President of Magdalene College, Oxford, with general Preface by John C. Miller, D.D., Birmingham, and Memoir by Robert Hall, D.D., New College, London. Vols. 1 and 2. Edinburgh: James Nichol. Montreal: B. Dawson & Son. Toronto: W. C. Chewett & Co.

These volumes are the first issue of the promised edition of the complete works of some of the more distinguished theological writers of the Puritan age. It is proposed to publish, in the same form, the works of Manton, Sibbes, Brooks, Charnock, Reynolds, Clarkson, and Adams. A more valuable set of books for Christian ministers and intelligent laymen could not well be selected from the prolific seventeenth century. These were the men who adorned the Church of Christ in Britain during that eventful period. They were giants for the accuracy and wide extent of their learning. Eminently men of thought, they accumulated prodigious stores of ancient and modern, sacred and profane, literature, and brought all their powers and treasures to bear upon the elucidation and defence of the great evangelical doctrines of Scripture. The writings of Goodwin are a good paradigm of the class