

Just a Few Words.

Just a few words, but they blundered
The brightness all out of a dry;
Just a few words, but they lifted
The shadows and cast them away.

Bumble Bees.

It is one of the most important late discoveries, that the yield of red clover seed depends upon the bumble bees.

FAITH discovers a world beyond the moon, and trades thither. Leaving the men of the earth to load themselves with clay and coals, faith pursues its staple commodity, and traffics for grace and glory.

LET no one say, I am too young to do any good. Samuel was but a youth when he bore the Lord's message to Eli; it was a little Israelitish maid who led Naaman to the cure of his leprosy; and the great multitude led by Jesus was furnished with the loaves and fishes he miraculously multiplied by a lad.

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