

Robert, your sister Sarah, or your cousin Charles?

"O, because they would not be able to tell me. You have lived so many years in the world, and are so wise, and know everything."

"Know everything! You must have made a mistake somehow or other! Know everything! Why I do not know how much money there is in the Bank of England; nor who it was that built the pyramids; nor why it is that the needle in the compass always points to the north: and I am sure that I do not know half so much of God's goodness, and the evil of my own heart, as I ought to know."

"Perhaps not, grandfather; but then you know more than other people, for you have been over the wide sea, and seen everything."

"Seen everything! O, no! I never saw the Emperor of Japan, nor the inside of a burning volcano, nor a sea-serpent a hundred yards long: and, besides these, there are other things that I never saw, for I never yet saw a wicked person that was truly and lastingly happy, nor a wise man who did not love his Bible."

"Yes, grandfather; but I do not mean such things as those: You must have seen a great deal of the world, for you have been everywhere."

"Been everywhere. How came you to think so? I have never been to the bottom of the sea, nor to the top of the Ates, nor in the middle of the earth. I have never been in a lion's den, nor in the closet of the Queen's chief counsellors, neither have I kneeled down in my own, in a humble prayerful spirit, half so frequently as I might have done."

"Well, grandfather, whether you have been to those places or not,

you have been to others, and learned a great deal. Why you can do almost everything."

"Do almost everything." Why, if I could, I would heal all the sick, relieve all the poor, instruct all the ignorant, do away with slavery all over the world, turn all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and heathens into Christians, and make you Caleb, as happy as an angel."

"Thank you, grandfather; I know that if you could do every thing you would do a great deal of good to every body. I never knew any body read so much as you do, you seem to have read everything."

"Read everything! Why I know next to nothing of High Dutch, very few words of Arabic and Chinese, and have never even read half the writing on the mummy cases in the British Museum. There are thousands of books that I cannot read, thousands that I would not read if I could, and thousands that I have not read, which I willingly would read had I the time and opportunity. I wish I had read ten times more than I have read of my Bible, Caleb; for then should I be a wiser man than I am, and most likely a much better and happier man."

"I wish I had read half as much as you have. I wish I was half as wise; but that I never shall be. If you do not know everything, you are able to find out every thing!"

"Find out every thing! I have never found out where the spectacles are that I lost a year ago, and know not where to look for them. I have not found out the missing ships at the north pole, nor yet made the discovery how to square the circle. And I am very sure, Caleb, that if I were to study for seven years together, I should never find out any other way to heaven than the way set forth in the Holy