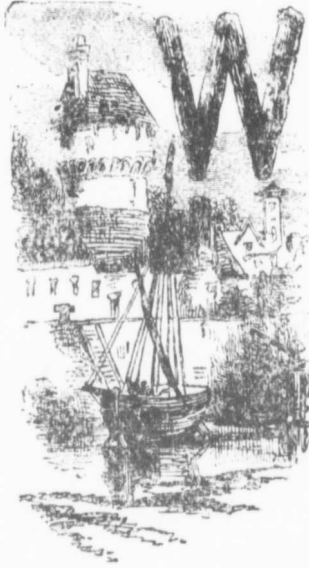


A man shall be as an hiding-place.

Isaiah xxxii. 2.

### WHAT A PENNY CAN DO.



WILLIE'S penny made heaven rejoice. It wouldn't have bought more than a stick or two of candy, or given much help to a starving family. What did he do with it? His sister was a missionary's wife in Africa, and the family were filling a box

to send her. As one after another brought their gifts, Willie said: "I want to give my penny." "What shall be bought with it?" was the next question. It was decided to buy a tract, and with a prayer for its success, send it on its distant errand.

The box arrived on the mission-ground, and, among its valuable contents, Willie's gift was laid away unnoticed and for awhile forgotten. But God's watchful, all-seeing eye had not forgotten. One day a native teacher was starting from the mission station to go to a school over the mountain. He knew the language well, and was a great help to the missionaries; but he was not a Christian. He had resisted everything the missionaries had done to make him one. In looking over some papers, Willie's tract was discovered, with writing on the margin which said that prayer was offered in America that it might do good. It was handed to the native teacher. He read it on his journey, and what years of

labor by the missionaries had not done was now brought about by the penny tract. The man became a sincere Christian. Those who put the tract in his hands were full of joy; and there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents. So you see how Willie's penny made heaven rejoice.

### LOVING HINTS FOR BOYS.

**S** EVEN classes of company to be avoided:

1. Those who ridicule their parents or disobey their commands.
2. Those who profane the Sabbath-day or scoff at religion.
3. Those who use profane and filthy language.
4. Those who are unfaithful, play truant, and waste their time in idleness.
5. Those who are of a quarrelsome temper, and are apt to get into difficulty with others.
6. Those who are addicted to lying and stealing.
7. Those who are of a cruel disposition; who take pleasure in sporting with and maiming animals and insects, and robbing birds of their young.

### ABOUT THE CHILD JESUS.

**H** GREAT many things connected with Jesus when he was a boy we know nothing at all about. But the Scriptures tell us one thing about Jesus which we may be sure is true. I cannot tell you whether Jesus was a tall boy, whether he was a pale-faced or a rosy-cheeked boy. But there is one thing more important than all these put together that I can tell you: it is this,—Jesus was an obedient boy.

He went down to Nazareth with his parent, and was "subject unto them."

Our God will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah lv. 7.