

That is the true way to improve by preaching—do what it says. A great many people form good resolutions when they hear a sermon which touches the heart and instructs their consciences; but good resolutions are worth nothing unless they are *set to action*. That clinches the feelings, and makes them of value.

The New Key.

"Hunt," said a little girl, "I believe I have found a new key to open people's hearts, and make them willing."

"What is the key?" asked her aunt.

"It is only a little word—guess what." But aunt was no guesser.

"It is *please*," said the child; "aunt, it is *please*. If I ask one of the great girls in school—'Please show me my parsing lesson,' she says, 'Oh, yes,' and helps me. If I ask Sarah, 'Please do this for me,' no matter what, she'll take her hands out of the suds, and do it. If I ask uncle, 'Please,' he says, 'Yes, puss, if I can'; and if I say, 'Please, aunt,'—"

"What does aunt do?" said aunt herself.

"Oh, you look and smile just like mother, and that is the best of all," cried the little girl, throwing her arms around her aunt's neck, with a tear in her eye.

Perhaps other children will like to know about this key, and I hope they will use it also, for there is great power in the small, kind courtesies of life.—*Sunday School Visitor*.

Let us not value the applause, or be troubled at the revilings of ungodly men as the vilest of the human race have been almost deified by encomiums, and the excellent of the earth have been treated as pestilences, as movers of sedition and deserving of universal execration; and this by professors of religion, by priests, elders and persons of chief authority in the visible church!—*Dr. Scott on Acts 25: 5*.

The best way to make a homer of comfort increase to an ephah (which is ten times as much), it to be heartily grateful for what one hath already, that his store may be multiplied.—*Thomas Fuller*.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

Monies received by the Treasurer, to 20th August, 1864.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Aug. 5.	From Glenelg, Cong., per Rev. J. Roddick, £8 18 5½
"	A Friend, per Rev. John Geddie. 5 0 0

Aug. 20.	Mr. J. B. Henderson, Goshen, per Mr. D. Sinclair, 23s.; James Sinclair, 7½d.; Isabella Sinclair, 1s. 3d., per do. 1s. 10½d.	£1 1 1½
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HOME MISSION.

Salem Church, Green Hill,	5 7 1½
Ladies Society, W. River, per Rev. G. Roddick,	3 4 3½
Ladies Society, Dal. Mountain, per do.	1 0 0
Maitland Juvenile Miss. Society,	2 10 0
The £3 18s. 9d. stated in last Record as received for Foreign Mission from Maitland Sewing Society, should have been from Maitland Juvenile Missionary Society.	
The sum received from Dundas, P.E.I., for Home Mission was £3 6s. 8d., instead of 12s. 6d., as stated in last Record.	

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. D. McMillan, LaHave,	\$12 00
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HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. D. McMillan, LaHave,	16 00
Rev. H. D. Steele, West Cornwallis,	11 85

EDUCATION.

Rev. D. McMillan, LaHave,	12 00
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SYNOD FUND.

Rev. H. D. Steele, West Cornwallis,	3 83
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MISSION VESSEL.

Hamilton, Bermuda Sabbath School,	10 00
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