

A Page for the Young.

THE STORY OF CANUTE.

Have you heard the tale of the brave Canute,
Who ruled on English soil
When Danish conquests bore their fruit,
And rest succeeded toil?

His father, Sweyn, was a man of war;
But a lover of peace was he,
Who governed by the strength of law,
And judged in equity.

How wise he was, how much he knew,
The half can ne'er be told;
Nor how the power of England grew
In the reign of this king of old.

He walked by the sea, this good Canute,
With a crowd of flatterers near.
They sought for words that his pride might suit,
For words that would please his ear.

"All might is yours. These waves to you
Would own the right of sway;
For what can not Canute subdue,
Whom all things must obey!"

"Bring me a chair," cried wise Canute,
"For I would rest awhile,
And place it near where waters meet
In strife about our isle."

He sat by the sea this monarch strong,
And the courtiers round him pressed;
Then he lifted his voice above the throng,
And thus the waves addressed:

"Turn back, O floods! your coming cease;
Turn back, O rising tide!
Ye restless waves, I bid you peace!"
The sounding depths replied.

He called aloud, this great Canute,
But ever the waters rolled;
The tide came in, and the lords were mute
Who had human might extolled.

Then they heard the voice of Canute again,
Through the midst of the ocean's roar:
"Know ye that God, who made us men,
Is God for evermore."

JONAH AND THE WHALE.

[The following very original composition was written by a little African girl who had been rescued from utter heathenism and had learned English at Cape Palmas. It is copied word for word.]

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND THE EARTH.

Do you know what history is? History, as

you know, teaches us what is to happen in the past event; and geography teaches where the things has happened at. History tells us when Adam and Eve were created, and geography shows us where the garden of Eden is, which continent and which division. History tells us that Adam was the first man who was created, and while he was sleeping God took out one of his ribs and made Eve. After a while Eve went to walk among the trees in the garden. Conversation took place between her and the devil. The devil told her to eat some kind of fruit, which God told her and Adam not to eat. She took it and ate it, also took some for her husband. When Adam saw it he did not take no time to ask Eve where she got it from.

History, geography, and the earth just do go together; one tells us about that and one about this, etc. Histories are interesting to read, indeed they are. It tells us something about a whale. The whale is the largest animal in the sea. Whale is spoken of in the Bible. When God had sent Jonah to Nineveh to preach to the people about their sins, Jonah refused to go. He went into a ship with some people; he just went in there to hide from God. But God caused a storm to take place, and the ship went from this way to that way. The people were afraid, indeed, and they begun to cast lots. The lot fell upon him. They took him up and throwed him into the sea; he met with this animal. So the whale said:

"My friend, where are you going?"

Jonah answered and said:

"I have disobeyed my God, and am trying to hide from His face."

The whale said:

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself; don't you know that neither you nor I cannot hide from His face?"

Jonah said:

"O whale, I am so afraid, I don't know what to do."

Then the whale did swallow him up. Jonah thought that the whale's body was his grave and end. He did not think he would go to the shore any more; therefore he offered up a prayer to God for his sins, and if he should die before he should get to the shore, if it was God's will to carry him to heaven. The whale did not rest day after day, night after night. So after three days the whale went to the shore and vomited Jonah up. Jonah was just like a drowned rat—*Christian at Work.*

THE BIBLE.—In the year 1277 the wages of a labouring man were three halfpence a day, and the price of a Bible, with a commentary fairly written, thirty pence. That precious volume, which many men can now purchase for one day's pay, would then have cost more than thirteen years' hard labour; and yet how many Sabbath scholars set little, perhaps no value on their Bibles!