

SOMETHING FOR MOTHERS.

Nearly twenty times does the sacred historian of the book of Kings hand down the names of mothers with the record of the good or evil deeds of their sons. Thus: "Josiah reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah; and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." Or, "His (Abijah's) mother's name was Maachah; and he walked in all the sins of his father." See, also, 1 Kings xi. 26, xv. 2, xxii. 42; 2 Kings viii. 26, xii. 1.

We are not usually told what was the character of these mothers, nor how far it was due to their influence that their sons did good or evil; but surely the introduction of their names, in immediate connection with good or evil, is sufficiently significant.

"His mother's name was Jedidah; and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." One almost feels as if further information about her were superfluous. "Blessed are those among women," is the thought at once suggested by the words.

On the other hand what memorable notoriety is given to Maachah! She *may* have been a good woman herself; yet what volumes are in that handing of her name—only her name—down to posterity along with the misdeeds of her son! And it seems as if the father's bad example might have been more than counteracted, had she but duly exerted her maternal influence; for "his mother's name was Maachah; and he walked in all the sins of his father!"

Christian mothers! watch well your every-day life among your little ones. Think of this being said of a lost soul—"Yes, he did evil all his life; he lived as he was taught at home; and his mother's name was——!"—*Sabbath-School Teacher's Magazine*.

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### A GOOD EXAMPLE.

We are sure our young friends will read with pleasure the ensuing extract from the Report of the Church of Scotland's India Mission at Madras for the term ending in 1854. They see what the children of our Church in Scotland, guided by the Editors of the "Juvenile Record," accomplished, and how noble a gift they presented to the Heathen youth of India in the hope of Christianizing them.

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