

Children's Department.

Angel-Faces.

I have seen these angel-faces
In earth's darkest dwelling-places
With a look of sad surprise
In their deep pathetic eyes—

Eyes that have grown sad with gazing,
Upon scenes of woe amazing
Unto hearts that have their home
Only in the world to come.

I have seen them quick to render
Helpful service true and tender
Wherever is sorrow found
In the lives of those around.

And I know that God hath given
Such pure spirits for a heaven
To the emptiness and sin
Of the world they labor in.

Why He Spoke.

"Boys, that is not so. I know all about it. Hal wouldn't do such a thing."

Horace Bray said these things with flashing eyes and earnest tones. A group of his mates had just made a charge of mean conduct against a friend of Horace's, and the boy spoke out at once to defend him.

Mr. Barton, passing just then, overheard the words, and smiled approvingly. Several of the boys were in his Sunday-school class.

Within a week, it happened that Mr. Barton overheard another boyish conversation. Boys are not noted for talking in low tones.

This time, some young fellows who did not attend any Sunday service were foolishly boasting of it and declaring that they were all the better for it, as "such things did no good."

Horace was near enough to hear although he was not directly addressed. He said nothing.

"My boy," said his teacher to him, meeting him afterward, "a few days ago I heard you earnestly defending a

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friend against a false charge, and was pleased with it. But why did you speak so quickly and strongly?"

"Because I believed in Fred, and I couldn't keep still."

"A good reason," David said, "I believed, therefore have I spoken." But Horace, when the best friend you have was spoken against just now, and His holy day scoffed at, why did you not speak up as quickly as before? If you truly and deeply believe, will will you not speak?"

Horace flushed. He had no answer ready. Have you?

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An Early Ducking.

Will and Harry went out hunting for eggs, and had tramped over a large part of the swamp without much success, when Harry saw a bird fly up from a spot not far distant from where he stood.

"Did you see that?" he called to Will who was a few feet further back. "There's a nest there, and eggs too, I'll bet!" and away he ran as fast as he could go towards the coveted nest. But suddenly like a flash he disappeared; and a moment later, when Will reached him, he found a very wet boy trying to climb up the slippery side of a ditch that was almost entirely hidden by the tall grasses and reeds which surrounded it. In his haste Harry had not noticed it, and was splashing in the water before he had time to think. With Will's assistance he managed to scramble out, and they both hurried home; for wet clothes are not comfortable at any time, especially on a cold day in late Spring.

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Climb.

Never mind how hard it may be to climb. The slope of the valley of trouble is ever upward. Never mind how dark the shadow of death which stretches athwart it is. If there were no sun there would be no shadow; presently the sun will be right overhead, and there will be no shadow then. Never mind how black it may look ahead, or how frowning the rocks. From between their narrowest gorge you may see, if you will, the guide whom God has sent you, and that Angel of Hope will light up all the darkness, and will only fade away when she is lost in the sevenfold brightness of that upper land, whereof our "God himself is sun and moon"—the true Canaan, to whose everlasting mountains the steep way of life has climbed at last through valleys of trouble, and of weeping, and of the shadow of death.

Raking the Salt Hay.

In some parts of Europe the girls are of quite as much use as the boys in getting in the crops. This is principally true in getting the salt hay.

When the hay is ready to be cut, all the members of the family go to the scene of action; and while the men mow the women and girls rake up the fragrant grass into long windrows, out of reach of the in-coming tide.

When the distance is long they go prepared to stay several days on the hay field. In such cases, when the grass is dry, they take it home in their boats, frequently being obliged to make several trips to the field in order to harvest the whole crop.

This work is not looked upon as tiresome, and lots of fun they have, you may be sure, as they sing and laugh, while gathering with their long-handled rakes the stray bits of wet and shining grass.

Forbearance.

Quarreling is impossible in the presence of sweet unselfishness. Charles Kingsley tells a true story which exemplifies the spirit of renunciation for others, which is the very opposite of the selfish spirit. It is that of two hermit monks who had lived together in closest friendship for years with no thought of envy or selfish rivalry in the mind of either. At last it occurred

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to them to try the experiment of a quarrel after the common fashion of the world.

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And that plan was agreed on. "This brick is mine," said the one. "I hope it is mine," said the other gently.

"Well, if it is yours, take it," said the other, who could never hear his companion express a wish for anything without having a desire to get it for him. So the quarrel failed through the unselfishness of both.

The one certain cure for worrying is to bring the soul into such relation to Christ that it will be willing to accept anything from His hands. Given perfect faith, and there will be no fretful Christians.

Small Agents and Great Work.

It is the little things that count much oftener than we are apt to suppose. Agencies apparently so trivial as to be almost beneath notice have changed, and are changing, the face of the earth. So comparatively insignificant a form of vegetation as moss, for instance, may not only affect the aspect of a landscape, but may, in the course of time, powerfully assist in giving a new character to a continent.

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