

BEGINNING ANEW.

A good many children begin to think very seriously when they come to the end of the year. They look back, count up the many wrong things they have done, and say, "Oh, we are so sorry; we wish we had done better. When the new year comes, we will begin all over new."

Ah, we shouldn't wait till the new year comes. We should do right now. "Now is the accepted time." "Cease to do evil; learn to do well." God bids us to begin not by-and-by, next week, next month, next year, but now, right away.

And we can't do this by resolving to do it. We must have a new heart, or we shall never do right. But God will give this to all who ask for it.

Begin now, this very moment, dear little reader.

TROTTY'S LESSON.

Trotty had a school, one day. She dressed herself in cap and spectacles, and took brother Ned's cane in her hand, and tried to look very cross. Then she set the dollies all in a row, and began to teach them A, B, C, from her own little book. One poor doll was crowded out, and fell on the floor. The big doll took all the room, and sat up very straight; but she did not look as if she could ever learn a single letter.

"Oh, dear me! it's dreadful to be a teacher!" said Trotty. "'cause you have to talk so much!"

Mamma laughed; and then she took the funny little teacher in her lap, and said:

"Try to remember that, Trotty; and when you go to school, do not make your teacher talk to you so much. A great many times in a day, some one has to say, 'Don't, Trotty!' 'Come here Trotty!' 'Be still, Trotty!'"

"Oh, poor mamma! I won't make you talk so much!"

Trotty had learned her lessons, if the dollies had not.—The Shepherd's Arms.

CHRIST'S Name came not till He became One with us in person; not till His Circumcision; not till for us and in our names He became debtor of the whole Law, principal, forfeiture, and all. To the handwriting He then signed with the firstfruits of His Blood. And then, name the Child, and give Him this name, Immanuel. For then He was a right Immanuel, truly "with us"—Bishop Andrews.

A LITTLE boy was tempted to pluck some cherries from a tree which his father had forbidden him to touch, "You need not be afraid," said his tempter, "for if your father should find it out he is too good to hurt you." "Yet," said the brave little fellow, "I know that, and it's the very reason why I won't take any. He wouldn't hurt me, but it would hurt him to know that I didn't mind him."

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MOTHER NEVER SITS DOWN.

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