

in the midst of wicked people, and you see and hear them do a great many wicked things. Now, children are fond of imitating their parents and others; and this is very right, when the example is a good one. But it is a sad thing, indeed, when that example is bad. In such a case, they are in danger of greater suffering than that of this poor heathen boy; for the evils they copy, and the habits they form, are fuel for a fire which will burn into the very soul, and which the Bible tells us will never be quenched.

Follow not, then, those that do evil. Never trifle with transgression. Only "fools make a mock at sin." It may be sport now, but it will bring sorrow hereafter. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "The wages of sin is death."—*Juv. Mis. Magazine.*

### The Praying Collector.

Two little girls, sisters, were collectors for a Missionary Society; and at the end of the year they brought to their mother more than £6, which they asked her to send to the treasurer of the Society. She was a pious woman, and pitied the poor heathen, and wished above all things that her dear children should be trained up in the way of wisdom and usefulness. You may suppose therefore how gratified she must have been at the success of her two girls. But there was something which pleased her even more than the large sum of money which they had collected. It was a conversation she overheard between them, which was as follows:—

"You have got much more money than I have," said Helen to her elder sister, "but that is not very wonderful, because you are older than I am." "That is quite true, Helen," answered the sister, "but you might have collected quite as much as I did, if you had done all that you ought." "How is that, Jane?" said she; "for I am sure I took quite as much trouble as you took, and asked as many people."

"Very likely; but there is one thing, Helen, which you neglected. You did not pray to God, before you asked your friends for their money." "Pray! No I did not. I never saw the good of that. God could incline their hearts to give without our asking." "No doubt," said Jane, "he could; but you know we ought to undertake nothing without prayer." "Have you prayed, then?" quickly inquired the younger sister. "Certainly, Helen; for every morning before I went out to collect I begged of God to direct my steps where to go, that I might get something for the heathen. There was only one morning when unhappily I did not pray; but on that day I collected nothing."—*Juv. Mis. Magazine.*

### Friendly Hints to Children.

DEAR CHILDREN,—I have a few words of advice to give, and be entreated to receive them as coming from one who loves children, and has for upwards of forty years labored for their good.

All who can read the Bible are entreated to read a portion of that blessed book each morning; and commit, at least, one verse to memory daily. It will greatly strengthen and improve your minds. I am now 75 years old, and can repeat portions of the Scriptures and pious hymns which I committed to memory at a very early age. JOHN ADAMS, a late President of the United States, informs us in his diary, that, with delight, he repeated what his mother taught him when a child. And I can say the same.

Dear Children, please to ask your kind parents to point out to you such portions of the Bible, and such hymns and psalms, as they think best for you. I will take the liberty of mentioning a few portions. The first twelve verses in the 5th of St. Matthew, and twelve verses in the 7th of that gospel; also, the 13th chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians. In the Psalms, I recommend the first, the eighth, nineteenth, the twenty-third, and the 103rd.

Pray daily that God would write his holy word upon your hearts. Keep from bad company, from bad books, and from strong drink.

That God may enable all children and young people so to live that they may be blessings in this world, and happy in the world to come, is the prayer of their friend,

T. OSGOOD.