

young to enjoy the flower ; but the baby's mother was glad to have it in her room to look at while the baby was sleeping.

The deep-pink hyacinth went to Kitty's teacher, who was very ill with a bad cold, and homesick besides ; and she said it made her quite happy for a whole week.

The last hyacinth to open came out on the morning of Easter Sunday, and was the loveliest shade of pale lavender. "I don't suppose anyone will think of sending Grandmama an Easter gift," said Kitty, who was the first one up in the house, "so I guess I'll take her my hyacinth, for it's just the color she likes the best." And Kitty hurried over and set the pot just inside of the door of Grandmama's house, pulled the door-bell and ran away. The dear old lady was delighted when she found the Easter gift.

When Kitty wrote to Aunt Mary, she said, "You didn't know that, besides the bulbs for me, you were sending a birthday gift, an anniversary gift, a wedding present, a baby present, a sick present, and an Easter present, did you, Aunt Mary?"

Now, I think that a selfish little girl would never have discovered that she had received a seven-fold gift !

—Adapted from Little Folks

A CHILD'S PRAYERS

They will learn them very rapidly—it is easy for children to memorize ; they will help to form the good habit of morning and evening prayer ; and will form one more link to bind the children all their lives to the sweet memories of the home.

A CHILD'S MORNING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for Thy watch-care throughout the night and for the light of another morning. Help me to be grateful to Thee for Thy goodness, and for all Thy mercies to me and to others.

Keep me this day from dangers seen and unseen, and from evil thoughts, words and acts. Make me a true child of our loving Heavenly Father, and whether at home, at school, or at play, may I have grace to be a kind, truthful, and earnest servant of Thy Holy Child Jesus.

Help me to make home a happy place for all who love and serve me, and to honor the dear parents and friends whom Thou hast given me. Teach me to be good in all things, and to do good to all whom I know and whom I can serve.

Give me, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, to keep me strong and steadfast in the faith and following of our Saviour Jesus Christ, for whose sake I ask this, and all things that may be good for me now and forever. Amen.

A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER

Most Holy Father, Thou art the Almighty God, but Thou hast bidden little children to come unto Thee. Now, Thy child comes kneeling before Thee with a trusting heart, and prays for Thy blessing. Let Thine angels guard me and all my loved ones this night from harm.

Forgive the selfish thoughts, words and acts of this day, and if Thou shouldest give me another day, grant me Thy Holy Spirit's grace to make it the best day of my life. Help me to be kind and good like Jesus, and to be honorable, truthful, and sweet-tempered. I pray this, O Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Saviour. Amen.

GOLDEN KEYS

A bunch of golden keys is mine,
To make each day with gladness shine.

"Good morning," that's the golden key
That unlocks every day for me.

When evening comes, "Good night," I say,
And close the door of each glad day.

When at the table, "If you please,"
I take from off my bunch of keys.

When friends give anything to me,
I'll use a little "Thank you" key.

"Excuse me ; beg your pardon," too,
When by mistake some harm I do.

Or if unkindly harm I've given—
"Forgive me !" I shall be forgiven.

On a golden ring these keys I'll bind—
This is its motto, "Be ye kind."