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"Oh!" said the child, with a bright smile. And when the big policeman sat down beside him, he turned up that beautiful face to him and asked:

"Are you a policeman?"

"Yes," answered the man looking down at him kindly.

"Why are you a policeman?" was the next question.

The policeman gave a puzzled laugh, but did not seem to have an answer ready. So the child helped him by saying:

"Is it 'cause you like to be a policeman?"

"Yes," said the man. Then, as if afraid of any more questions, he took out the key of the patrol box, and a pair of handcuffs and began to explain that they were to put on bad boys when he took them away.

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Whom do you belong to?" asked the big man smiling at the mite.

"I belong to Jesus."

The big policeman got very red in the face, and rising hurriedly jumped on the wharf at Island Park.

You see, dear children, that the sermon was only four words. Could any of you preach it?—Sunday School Times.

LED BY A CHILD.

The bell rang, and fifty children filed into the school-room. As the last pupil seated himself, Miss Lane rose from her desk, and, taking a Sunday School paper, commenced to read.

This was the usual opening exercise, and formed a pleasant prelude to the day's work.

The story was specially interesting this morning, and the pupils listened eagerly; but the few moments granted for this form of instruction sped rapidly, and as the last word was read,

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Miss Lane walked to the blackboard, dropping the paper in a waste-basket as she passed.

The next class came forward, and others followed in regular succession until the hands of the clock pointed to twelve.

Forty-nine children gladly accepted discussion, but the fiftieth, Grace Carter, a poorly dressed yet bright-faced child, remained in her seat until the door closed after the marching troop, and then she slowly made her way to the teacher.

"Miss Lane," said Grace, timidly, "may I have the story-paper that you threw away?"

"Certainly; do you wish to read it for yourself?"

"Not exactly. I want it for papa. He almost always stays at home at night, when there's something to read."

The teacher remembered that Mr. Carter was said to be intemperate, although kind to his family; so she understood his daughter's anxiety, and said, gently.

"Take the paper, dear, and I will give you others, to-morrow."

Miss Lane kept her word; and the editor of the local journal, hearing of little Grace's effort, urged the necessity of establishing a free library.

This was accomplished; and soon into many narrow homes went a purifying Christian influence, restful and beneficent, and emanating from the loving heart of a child.—M. L. Burdick, in Young Churchman.

CUPS OF WATER.

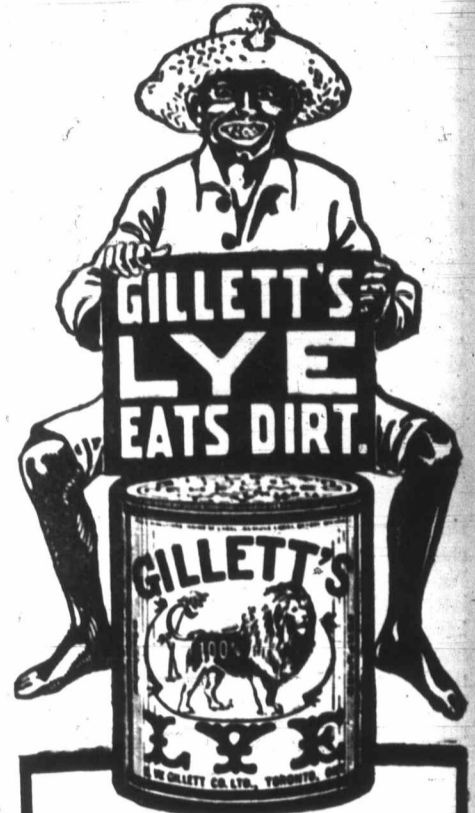
"I think it is a very little thing to do," Fanny Clare said, as she shook out her ruffles and buttoned her kid gloves. "Just to think! Nothing but a cup of water! I wouldn't give that much to anybody."

"It wasn't so very easy," Miss Holden said. "In that warm country, where water was so scarce, it involved some sacrifice. But Fanny, do you remember the 'because?' Whosoever shall give the cup of water, * * * because ye belong to Christ."

"O well," Fanny said, "I don't see that that made any difference."

"Do move along! How you do jam up against one!" This remark was made by Fanny Clare, not to Miss Holden, but to a little girl who sat next to her in a faded blue calico dress and broken, sunburned straw hat, trimmed in faded pink ribbons.

Miss Holden apparently took no notice and while she questioned some others in the class, Fanny Clare whispered to Laura Goodwin, who sat on the other side: "What a little fright that girl is! Should you think she would like to be in the class with us?"



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Presently Miss Holden said: "I hope and trust that I belong to Christ. Are there any others who think so?" And Ruth Peckham said softly: "I think I belong."

"I am so glad," said Miss Holden; then she went back to another part of the lesson. "Laura, why do you suppose the disciples did not answer Jesus when he asked them what they had been talking about?"

"I suspect they were ashamed of it," said Laura.

"I think they were," Miss Holden said.

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Detaining Fanny a moment after class, she asked: "Did you find the cup of water easy to give?"

"Ma'am?" said Fanny in bewilderment.

"Why you had a little one who 'belonged' to Christ right beside you! Did you fill a cup with kindness for her?"

Fanny blushed to the tips of her little ears, but, like the abashed disciples, she "held her peace."—Herald and Presbyterian.



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