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BERTIE'S SERMON.

It was Sabbath afternoon. The mother sat in the nursery window, and little Bertie, the youngest, sat on the floor, with his dolls around him. Smoothing the tangled curls and the rumpled dresses carefully, he arranged them in a semi-circle. Then, rising, he placed a chair before him for a desk, and, looking quite sober, said:

"Now, children, you must be very good and quiet. For I am going to preach to you. This is my text: 'I am the door.' Pausing a moment, he repeated, "'I am the door'—that means Jesus. 'Am—am'—here he looked a little puzzled—"am—that says it is *yeely* so. The—that is one, only one; and—door"—opening the door and standing in the door-way—"we all come in through the door, and we all go to heaven—through Jesus."

A beautiful little Gospel sermon, was it not? Bertie had listened, Bertie had heard; and Bertie had remembered.

Was of our young readers can do as well as three-year-old Bertie?—N. Y. Evangelist.

HOW I BEHAVED IN CHURCH.

I was visiting Lilipet's parents in another city, and she was to take me to church. Lilipet was Henrietta's baby way of abbreviating her home title, Little Pet. Everybody caught it up, and nobody, least of all herself, had dropped it, although she was now nearly four, and a very big girl in her own estimation. Somewhere in her childish brain lodged the fancy that my religious education had been sadly neglected, consequently it became her bounden duty to do all in her power for my enlightenment.

"They'll hand a basket of money around," she said, as we walked along, her four fingers and fat thumb trying their best to meet about my full-grown hand; "but you're not to take any"—warningly; "you're to put some in. A penny's plenty. I've got a penny."

As we drew near the sacred edifice the weight of her responsibilities increased. I was in her charge. She felt that any misbehaviour on my part would reflect upon her and lessen the dignity of the family pew, so she gave me her parasol to hold, and came to a full stop for the purpose of administering further advice and instruction.

"After we get in and sit down you must do this and pray"—illustrating the act of silent communion with God.

"What must I say?" I asked, just to see what she would answer.

"You can't say 'Our Father, who art in heaven,' 'cause there isn't time. I say 'Now I lay me down to sleep'—all of it you know; then if Miss McFetridge—she's next us—if she hasn't got through, I begin, 'This pig went to market.'"

"Oh," I exclaimed, hardly knowing whether to laugh or chide, and looking down into the blue eyes so brimmed with seriousness. "Why don't you say, 'Now I lay me down to sleep' over again?"

"'Cause," she answered gravely, "that's a prayer. I couldn't break off anywhere. I'd have to say it all. Everybody might get done, then I'd look queer bobbing up. The pigs are nothing—I can leave out any of them."

"Since you have so much time after saying 'Now I lay me,' suppose you repeat 'I pray the Lord my soul to keep.'"

"Till Miss McFetridge gets through?"

"Yes."

"Very well." She took her parasol again, pink as a poppy, and not much bigger, and we walked quietly on. My height being fully five feet, it was comical to be pulled squarely face to face with that midget when we reached the church door, and answer a question with which she, doubtless, was familiar.

"Now, is there anything you want to say to me before we go in?"

"No," I answered dutifully.

"Be sure and remember you're not to speak after we get in, and you're not to get on your knees and look over into the back pew."

After promising to observe proprieties faithfully she allowed me to enter. No sound could have been sweeter than the twitter of the voice beside me with its "Now I lay me," and "I pray the Lord my soul to keep." Of such is the kingdom of heaven. The minister had not gone very deep in his sermon before Lilipet was fast asleep, sure enough, and the Lord had her little trustful soul safe in His keeping. With her

golden curls framing her cherub face, her blue eyes closed, her red lips parted, and violet rays from the stained window fluttering about her, she formed one of the prettiest pictures it has ever been my lot to see.

What happened next was this: In the midst of the Reverend Doctor's discourse Henrietta's Lilipet plunged both chubby hands into her cheeks and slipped from the cushion to her feet with a "Ho, hi, hum!" that must have electrified the congregation. Then, catching sight of the minister, her blue eyes drenched with sleep, as violets with dew, she ejaculated:

"Pretty well, I thank you. Amen."

—Madge Carroll, in *Christian at Work*.

WATER AS A LUXURY.

Water has other qualities than the allaying of thirst. It has a permanent determination to evaporate which nature obeys; and as it cannot evaporate without heat, it positively diminishes in the process of the heating of our rooms. Fans of water, the cooler the better, stationed about a bedroom will positively reduce, not the sensation of heat, but the heat itself. Let any person that doubts that have his tub, with its shallow depth and wide surface, filled with spring water, or water with a good block of ice on it, and place it in his bedroom, and mark in half an hour how many degrees the thermometer has fallen. It ought to be six degrees at least, and will be eight if he is not stingy with his ice, and the improvement equivalent in comfort to a fire on a winter's night, will last for hours. If that is still insufficient, let him throw up his bed-room windows, fasten an old blanket or travelling rug across the space, and drench that with water, and in five minutes the air in the room will be reduced to that water's temperature. Never mind about breeze. The air will seek the cooler place of itself, without being driven in from the outside, and the temperature will decline almost instantaneously to a reasonable point. Not one of these expedients necessitates any architectural improvement, or any change of habits, or any expense whatever; though of course, a shilling or two laid out on ice will make the improvement more rapid, and in the case of a sick room, or of any one who really suffers from heat—suffers as if in sickness, we mean—will be money well laid out. And so in the case of little children, especially will a few shillings on the sheet of woven cane—we have unfortunately forgotten the trade name—which is used in the hottest corners of the East Indies and China for pillow-cases and sofa-covers. The silica with which this material is coated will not get warm, and every other covering for beds or pillows with which we are acquainted will. It keeps perfectly dry, cannot get dirty, and can be procured as soft as any covering that was ever placed upon a mattress. There is hardly any luxury like it in intense and stifling heat, and we have known sick people half maddened with heat acting on exhausting frames sleep on it when sleep seemed otherwise unobtainable. With plenty of wholesome water, wetted blankets for window curtains, and a sheet of cane, no case ought to be rendered sleepless by heat, or indeed, unless he persists in gorging himself with the food which he needs only in cold weather, to suffer any appreciable discomfort.—Exchange.

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