

A PIECE OF MOTHER'S DRESS.

It is an old story—possibly you may have heard it—but are you sure you understand it? You have a mother? No? Well; then perhaps you know better what the word mother means than some who have mothers.

"A company of poor children, who had been gathered out of the alleys and garrets of the city, were getting ready to go West. Just before the time for the train to start, one of the boys was noticed aside from the others, and apparently very busy with a cast-off garment.

The superintendent stepped up to him and found he was cutting a small piece out of the patched lining. It proved to be his old jacket, which, having been replaced by a new one, had been thrown away. There was no time to be lost. "Come, John, come!" what are you going to do with that old piece of calico?"

"Please, sir, I am cutting it to take with me. My dear mother put the lining into this old jacket for me. This was a *piece of her dress*, and it is all that I shall have to remember her by." And as the poor boy thought of that dear mother's love, and of the sad death-bed scene in the old garret where she died, he covered his face with his hands and sobbed as if his heart would break.

But the train was about leaving, and John thrust the little piece of calico into his bosom, 'to remember mother by,' hurried into a car, and was soon far away from the place where he had seen so much sorrow."

My young friend, the time may come when there will be nothing left of mother but her worn and cast-off garments. Will you love mother more then than you seem to now? There are some things which are sad to remember, and difficult to forget, and children who have not done all they could for their poor, weary mothers, may know, some day, what they are.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

21. Who wanted to go to Spain?
22. Sixteen things, neither of which shall separate a Christian from his Lord. Where are they found?
23. In one verse, a man had been born to a privilege; and another had bought it.
24. Who had a dwelling-house in Bethlehem, known in after ages by his name; which he had probably received from David?

ANSWERS TO FORMER QUESTIONS.

17. The 14th and 53rd Psalms.
18. Luke 16. The poor man's name was Lazarus. The rich man's name is not given, but he

is often called *Dives*, which is only the Latin word for "rich."

19. Ephraimites, who lisped the word "Shibboleth"; (which means "rivers"; or "streams"); Judges 12; 5, 6.

20. FAITH + virtue, (courage) + knowledge + temperance (self-control) + patience + Godliness + brotherly kindness + charity, (love). 11 Peter 1 : 5-7.

THE FROG WHO TALKED TOO MUCH—There is many a man who talks too much with his mouth, and who finds when too late that silence would have been golden.

The Mongols have a story on this wise: Two geese, when about to start southward on their autumn migration, were entreated by a frog to take him with them. On the geese expressing their willingness to do so if a means of conveyance could be devised, the frog produced a stock of strong grass, got the two geese to take it, one by each end, while he clung to it by his mouth in the middle. In this manner the three were making the journey successfully, when they were noticed from below by some men, who loudly expressed their admiration of the device, and wondered who had been clever enough to discover it. The vain glorious frog opened his mouth to say "*It was I,*" lost his hold, fell to the earth, and was dashed to pieces. Do not let pride induce you to speak, when safety requires you to be silent.

"If human kindness meets return,
And owns the grateful tie;
If tender thoughts within us burn
To feel a friend is nigh,
Oh, shall not warmer accents tell
The gratitude we owe
To Him who died our fears to quell,
And save from death and woe?"

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