

to a horse or allow anyone else to be so in your presence.

Get a lens, and when the snow-flakes are falling big and fast take it out of doors with you, and see the beautiful forms of the ice crystals; you will find hardly two alike, and some of them combining two or three different forms in one. The best way to see them is on the sleeve of a cloth coat or jacket where they will lie a minute or two whilst you make your inspection.

These wonders of nature help us to realize how great and good and tender is our Father in Heaven, and the study of them is sure to develop a deeper conviction of the reality and truth of our Christian faith, and tend to make us more and more trustful of His care and love. I have read of a traveller in Africa who wearied and worn by the toils and

privations of his journey, sank down beside a palm tree on an oasis in the desert ready to die, when his eye was caught by a little moss plant, all green and beautiful, beside the spring. He gazed upon it a few moments in wonder and delight and gained so much courage and rest from the contemplation that he rose strengthened for the future and willing to go wherever God would lead him.

Go through the world with your eyes open, my dear young friends, and you will find God has wonderful lessons for you in trees and flowers. Lessons of trust and love, lessons of frugality and patience, lessons of meekness and endurance, lessons of gladness and peace, lessons, indeed, which, by His heavenly light, shall lead you to Himself, the source of Light and Joy. S. OWEN.

To Girls in Toronto

WE have an announcement to make that will be of interest to girls living in Toronto and its outskirts. Dr. Barnardo has entrusted the visiting and general supervision of the Toronto girls to Mrs. Alfred B. Owen, and Mrs. Owen's house, 323 Markham Street, will be considered, in future, as the headquarters of the girls' work in Toronto. Mrs. Owen is looking forward to making herself personally acquainted with those who are now under her charge as quickly as she can visit them in their

homes or places of service; but, meantime, she wishes to extend a very cordial greeting to all girls residing in Toronto, and to say to them, on behalf of herself and Mr. Owen, that she hopes they will consider themselves heartily welcome to their house at any time they may have the opportunity of calling. Mrs. Owen will always be at home on Sunday afternoon and evening, and it is hoped that the occasion will offer for many pleasant little gatherings during the coming Winter.