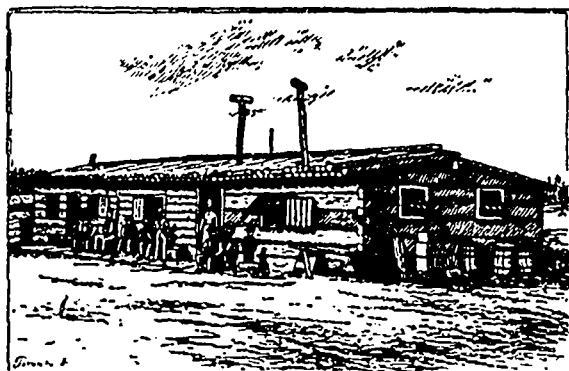




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THE Rev. Mr. Bliss, who has been a missionary for twelve years in the woods, two hundred miles away from Ottawa, gives us a picture of a log shanty. It looks a funny little house to live in, but people in the woods cannot have very nice things. It is not very hard to make a log house. Trees must be cut down, and made of the length or width that the house is to be. These are the logs. They must then be shaped, so as to be square, and not round, and so they are built up into a house. The cracks are filled in with mud or mortar, and, when well banked up with earth on the ground outside, the house itself is very comfortable. Many a clergyman has been glad to sleep in a log house, and even to preach in a log church. People who live in the woods think a great deal of a log church. Children who live in fine houses and have grand churches to go to should pray for missionaries in the woods, and help them with what money they can.

A NOBLE JAPANESE.

A JAPANESE who had become a Christian and learned to read the Bible was so grateful and so anxious that others of his people should have the precious knowledge too that every morning, when he went out of his house to go to work, he left his door open, with this notice on it:

"If any one wants to come in here while I am gone and read my Bible, he may do it."

Now, wasn't that beautiful of him? He had learned the way, and he was anxious that others should know it too, that others should read the Book that had proved so precious to him.

What a sweet trait is this, dear little workers, just the very sweetest in a Christian's character—unselfishness. Indeed, I doubt if any one can be a real Christian without it.—*Selected.*

WHAT CAN CHILDREN DO.



WHAT can little children do for the Lord?" was once asked by a member of an infant class. There was a short pause, and then a little girl answered: "They can always try to be pleasant. It was a very sweet answer. How much of the burden would be taken from life if every one, young and old, "would try to be pleasant." Here is an example: Jack oversleeps himself a little. He has to hurry in his dressing, which is in itself aggravating, and comes down to find breakfast nearly done, the coffee cold, and himself in danger of being late for an engagement. Jack may scowl and snarl, speak disrespectfully to his mother, snub his little sister, scold the servant who is doing her best to wait on him, and go off fretting and leaving a disagreeable impression behind him, or he may laugh and say, "Never mind! It was my own fault; better luck next time." He may joke with his sister, kiss mother good-bye, and run away whistling. Which is the best course to pursue?

Yes, you can all try to be pleasant. And you can all try to save trouble, not only by watching for chances to do little services, but by taking care of your clothes, by being on hand at meal times, and in a hundred other ways, small in themselves, but which, taken together, mean a great deal. You can perhaps help some boy or girl, not so well off as yourself, to an afternoon in the park; or you can take care of younger children, and so give your mother a chance for a day's outing. Do but keep your eyes and ears open, and you will find plenty of things you can do.—*Parish Visitor.*

"TAKE ME ON SHORE."



A GODLY minister had a careless and idle son, who left home and sailed to a foreign land. His sorrowful parents could only pray for him, and send him good advice. The ship which bore their boy reached a distant port, and was waiting to take in a fresh cargo, when the sailors went on shore and brought back with them a little native boy, who could play some curious kind of music.

He amused them for a long time; but at last said, "You must now take me on shore."

The sailors told him that he must not go yet.

"Oh, indeed, I cannot stay any longer," replied the little black boy; "and I will tell you why. A kind Christian missionary has come near the village where I live. From him I have learned all I know about Jesus Christ