

serter, and offered to re-enlist. I was at once received, and nothing was ever said to me about my desertion.

"Now, my hearers, we have, all of us, deserted God; we have abandoned his service; justice is after us; a price is set upon our souls. But terms of forgiveness are offered us. If we will return, throw ourselves upon the mercy of God, and enter his service, he will forgive us on account of what Christ has done for us. We must *voluntarily deliver ourselves up to the government*, and then we shall be pardoned."



RIDING ON HORSEBACK.

Riding on horseback is capital exercise. It would greatly promote the health of many young persons, particularly young ladies, to take daily exercise of this kind in the open air.

We would not recommend riding for mere pleasure, but as a branch of physical education, conducive to vigor of body and mind, and preparatory for circumstances liable to occur to any one.

In new countries, where the roads are few and poor, riding on horseback is almost the only way of going about, either to attend church, or to visit neighbors. Riding on mules is the only way of crossing the Isthmus of Panama at present. Hundreds of ladies, the wives of missionaries and others, have thus

ridden in safety across the continent, over rough mountain passes, and on the edge of steep precipices. How well it was for them to have had some experience in riding before being put to such test of their skill and self-possession.

We know not how many of our young female readers may yet become missionaries—we hope not a few. Probably the railroad may be built across the Isthmus of Panama before they will be ready to go to California or Oregon; nevertheless they will not have lost anything, but have gained much, if they shall have learned to manage with skill and courage that noble animal, the horse.

The Little Boy that was drowned on the Sabbath.

My Dear Children: I wish to write a few words to you on the importance of obedience to parents. The Bible, you know, enjoins upon children to obey their parents. It forbids disobedience. If you disobey your parents, you disobey God, and he will surely punish those who are disobedient, either in this life or in that which is to come.

I once lived in a town where there was a widow lady who had an only son. Like all other mothers, she loved her little boy very dearly, and was always ready to satisfy his desires, whenever she considered them proper. He was a very cheerful boy, about ten or eleven years of age. His mother kept a dairy, and her son used to drive a milk-wagon about the town, and serve his customers with milk. This business afforded them a decent support. The mother looked to her son for assistance when old age should come upon her. Many were her hopes and many her prayers in behalf of her only son. Often did