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took both to their own home, where they were ministered to with loving, grateful hands, and soon recovered from their long fast and imprisonment.

When Mr. and Mrs. Graham had heard the story of how Bruce had been led to the Rock of Ages by the influence of their child's voice their hearts were filled with thankfulness and they promised to do all in their power to help Bruce to recover the solid footing he had lost. Needless to say, this promise was kept. Mr. Graham found Bruce steady, honest employment, and before long he was able, by the grace of God, to look his fellow-citizens in the face.

He never wearied listening to Algy singing, either in the choir or in his own home, where Bruce was a frequent guest, and which seemed to him like some quiet haven, where he might throw off the burden of care and be at rest. Here he loved to think and speak of the home of his childhood, and of the dear father and mother and gentle sister gone before to the Better Land.

These are pleasant memories, but they are bitter-sweet. The thought of what he might have been contrasted with what he was to those lost ones, brings a pang of deep regret which nothing can soothe away. But Algy thinks they know all about it now, and tells Bruce not to grieve any more over what is past and gone. Then stealing softly to the piano, he touches the glistening keys with the hand of a true musician, and sings with his sweet melodious voice, Bruce's favorite hymn:

Rock of Ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

LILIAN.

A LITTLE LADY.

I think a white dress is the prettiest kind of a dress a dolly can have—don't you, Mamie?"

Then she added quickly, before giving Mamie a chance to answer: "Unless it is a brown dress." I think brown is a beautiful color. I hardly know which I do like best—a white or a brown dress."

There was a happy look on the face of little Jenny Jones, whose plain china doll wore a dress of dark brown print. She stroked it gently, hugged her dear dolly closer, and for a moment almost forgot how much she had envied the dainty white garments of the two handsome dolls belonging to her companion. But this was not all. Lucy's loving little heart was still beating fast as she thought of the mistake she had so thoughtlessly made, or so nearly made, and she hastened to make further amends.

"Why, your dolly is just the size of mine, and its dress unbuttons, see, and mine does, too. Supposing we exchange dresses a little while! Mine has worn this so long, I am almost tired of it."

"Really? Do you truly want to change dresses?"

The brown eyes opened wide, and her cheeks flushed in joyous anticipation. Her beloved Bessy wearing that embroidered dress, with its sash of real ribbon! It seemed too good to be true.

"Of course I do!" said Lucy, simply, beginning to unfasten the tiny pearl buttons.

Jenny's fingers trembled so that she could scarcely take off the

brown dress; but when it was done she was not ashamed of the neat white under-garments, which had been the work of her own patient fingers, guided by her dear grandma. They were quite suitable for the elegant dress. When the exchange had been made, Mamie entered into the spirit of the occasion, and said sweetly:

"Why, Lucy, that brown is spesh'llly becoming to your dolly's complexion. I should make her wear brown a good deal, if I were you."

The three friends spent a happy afternoon together, and when Mamie told the story of it to her mamma that night, she said:

"I think Lucy is the most ladylike girl I know—don't you?"

SO MUCH TIME.

"It takes so much time," said a young lady, when declining to take a class in the Sunday-school.

"It takes so much time," said a young man, who had been asked to serve on a committee in the church of which he was a member.

Another young man said to the pastor of the same church, "I will not be able to take any active part in the work of the church, because, you know, it takes so much time, and I am busy with other things."

Imagine, if you can, the disciples saying to Jesus when he bade them follow him, "I cannot, for it takes so much time!"

No one denies that it "takes time" to engage in active work in

the church and Sunday-school. But is it not well-spent time?

A young man not yet out of his "teens" was complaining to a gray-haired old man about the amount of time it took for the Sunday-school and church work in which the younger man was engaged.

"Yes," replied the old man, "it is true. It does take a good deal of time to do one's full duty as a Christian, but, my dear boy, when you are as near the end of life's journey as I am and earthly time will soon be no more for you, you will wish 'as I wish that you had given more time to the things that count for eternity."

It is impossible to put off sin till you put on Christ.

It is better to be nobly remembered than nobly born.

God is so great that He communicates greatness to the least thing that is done for His service.

A man can never be a true gentleman in manner until he is a true gentleman at heart.—Charles Dickens.

He will never truly repent the shadow he has cast on another's life who has not first agonized over the blackness of his own.

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