

Children's Treasury.

A BATTLE THAT WAS NOT FOUGHT.



WO boys were once at play. A dispute arose between them, and in high words they dared each other to fight. Jackets and caps were thrown on the ground, and both boys were ready to begin. But who was to strike the first blow, for both of them seemed as if they would rather not?

"Now, then, strike me if you dare!" said the younger boy, with an angry look. The other boy looked at him, but did not strike, and at last said:

"I have nothing to strike you for."

"Well, then, after all, neither have I," said the other, who had begun the quarrel. "Let us be good friends again, for I have nothing to strike you for either."

They left the field without striking a single blow, and never quarrelled again. Both of them became good men, and held good positions in life.

How few battles would be fought if young people, and old as well, tried to find a reason for the quarrel before they struck a blow!

"The beginning of strife is like one letting out water;" but "a soft answer turneth away wrath."

THE CHILD MISSIONARY.

One Sabbath, on an island in the Indian Ocean, a missionary was studying a sermon to preach in the language of the people. A little boy, about half-clad, came in and said:—"O, I do so love my Jesus! May I do something for his house?" "And what can you do?" said the missionary. Blushing and stammering, as if afraid to say anything, he replied:—"I will always be there; I will do it loud. Please let me ring the bell." While a boy he rang the bell that invited the people to church, and when he became a man he preached to his people the same glad news that he commenced calling the people to hear when he rang the Sabbath bell. Little boys, begin while you are young to call the people by bell, or mouth, or tract, or inviting children to a Sabbath school; and as you grow up you will be trained servants and soldiers to serve Christ anywhere.