On His breast to let them lie Do you think you would have loved Him. Would have tried to win his smile? Jesus' arm to-day will take you, Hold you all the life-long wlie.

Let them "come" that means, to love Him And to do His bidding sweet; He has many little errands, Fitted well for little feet.

Sometimes what he says is harder; "Let the restless feet be still." It the little heart is patient, That is doing Jesus' will.

"He it is." He says, "who loves me. That will My commandments do." There are many He has left us That are plain enough for you.

"Overcome with good the evil." When some little playmate strikes. If you give a gentle answer, That will be what Jesus likes

Let this loving Saviour, children. Teach and lead you all your days In green pastures, by still waters; Jesus' ways are pleasant ways. - Morning Light.

NO INFLUENCE.

A poor man, when urged by an earnest Christian to some good work among his neighbors. replied: "O, I can do no good. I have no more influence than a farthing rushlight." I presume many boys and girls think quite as little of their power for good or evil. But let us see what a farthing rushlight may do.

A large manufactory was once burned to the fifteen engines, but it licked up the water as if it had been fuel. The whole sky seemed reddened by the conflagration, and a vast amount through most of the service. of property was destroyed. Yet all this ruin was wrought by one farthing candle.

the city will forever remember that boy.

you allow yourself the habit of speaking whatgrow with your growth, and no one can tell the the years go on. You will start many fires in it came to Mr. S. he put a crisp new bill upon Its office seems to be to convert dead matter communities and families, which you will vainly it, and the gentleman passed on. wish to put out again.

O, there is also power for good in the tongue. where the law of love and kindness dwells. you the approbation of him whose name is Love. -Presbyterian.

THE CREATOR.

All things bright and beautiful. All things great and small, All things wise and wonderful-The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens. Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in his castle. The poor man at his gate, God made them high and lowly, And ordered their estate.

The purple headed mountain The river running by, The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter. The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden-He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood, The meadows where we play, The rushes by the water We gather every day:

- He gave us eyes to see them. And lips that we might tell How great is God almighty, Who has made all things well.

THOSE FOUR WORDS.

My father grafted a pear tree; it was a very could, he would not care for them." shoice graft, and he watched it with great care. The second year it blossomed, but it it off; he looked at it every morning and eve- strawberry, they are so poor." ning, and was glad to find it all safe.

be handled. I do not believe the thought ever little shriveled fingers, and when they saw her formed on the surface which retains the gases. Kingdom of Heaven, struck him that any one of his children could eyes glisten, and her little faded lips smile,

they also said that the tree would bear many Home. more next year, and that he had made a capital

but my eyes were often fixed upon it, and my heart coveted the taste of it. I did not keep

One night, atter we were all in bed, that open for them to get in, if they came late.

have something juicy to moisten it.

mother, and the servants, and the neighbors, ver be driven out of it;" if it had been so, it must know of it, and that every body would call would make assurance doubly sure. And yet

I felt so glad that I did not take the pear; and ment is added, "Him that cometh unto me I I fell asleep and slept streetly. As soon as I will in no wise feast out;" "Whosever will, saw my father, on the following morning, I let him come and take the water of life freely." marked his tace, it was so pleasant; he said I dear brother and sisters, do not be standing the pear was ripe; it might be taken down and out against the generosity of a sin-pardoning eaten; who was to have it? I cried out hardly God, who bids the sinner come and welcome.

said, very gravely, "What put that into your for he bids you come. "The Spirit and the

came into my eyes, and a trembling came over believe is to trust Jesus, to trust his suffering, me again. I began to sob and to tell all about to trust his atonement, and to rely upon him it; how I was tempted to steal the pear, and alone for salvation, May God enable you to how I was kept from it.

My mother cried aloud; father himself wiped his eyes, took me very tenderly to his breast, shall have the pear, and it shall be a treat to one of God's dear children."

"Suppose," he said to mother, "that we give it to poor little Annie who has been so cold water ?" Mother consented willingly enough. She

herself went with me to carry the pear to the dear, patient sufferer; and Oh, how she joyed and thanked us! It did me more good than if I treely, to eat without fear or trembling.

A KNOWING DOG-A TRUE STORY. Jimmy is a good dog to run on errands, can carry a bundle or basket as well as any child, and sometimes takes letters to the post-office

for his master. He is very fond of going to church, though his master thinks home is the best place for him, and will often shut him up that he may not follow the family; yet sometimes he will steal off and commends itself to observing cultivators. and wait, and then come trotting up to the door This is the method which the great Husbandtions that the surrounding buildings were saved. They poured floods of water upon it from they have to let him in; and I am glad to say tering the leaves on the surface of the ground ed. They poured noods of water upon it from they have to let min in; and I am grad to say terring the leaves on the surface of the ground that he keeps very quiet in church, and, like and leaving the grass and other herbage to

a friend invited him to his own place of worby fire, of half the city of Portland, a few years ship. Jimmy eyed the strange gentleman with One fire cracker, which a boy threw in a pile his proceedings. Mr. S. did not notice that of shavings, started the conflagration. I think the dog had followed him until he reached the placed near the surface much more readily than Well, now remember that just as great a ter the seat with him; and the poor fellow set-

misery it will cause to yourself and others, as was one who passed around the plate, and when Air is the great decomposer as well as vitalizer.

Jimmy sat up straight, opened his eyes, and most rapidly when in full contact with the de- Frank and Joey, as soon as the plate was deposited upon the ta-

to my master, any way."

Let us, dear children, learn what is right,

THE FIRST STRAWBERRIES.

A little girl once had a bed of strawberries. Very anxious she was that they should ripen and be fit to eat. The time came.

the first ripe truit." "Well," said her brother. "all the more

greater treat." " Yes: but they are the first ripe fruit." "Well, what of that?"

"Dear father told us that he used to give God the first out of all the money he made, and the rest; and I wish to give God the first of we do not top-dress except, with well-compostmy strawberries too."

Jesus said: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto very rank-smelling fertilizers, and seldom does Little Carl, bore but one pear. As there were no more one of the least of these my brethren, ye have any effluvium escape from the compost while that year my father was the more anxious about done it unto me,' and I mean to go with them being shovelled into the cart or spread on the Little Gertrude, it. He hoped that no rough wind would blow to Mrs. Perkin's dying child, who never sees a land. In case green manure is put on plowed The Visitor,

LESSONS FROM NATURE. I never heard of a stork that when it met find time to do this top-dressing in September. with a fir tree, demurred as to its right to build and our practice is not always up to our theory; my heart from this wicked coveting, and theremy neart from this wicked coveting, and there its nest there, and I hevel head a permit to run before I became a slave to it. The desire of that that questioned whether it had a permit to run before the snow falls they will take an early Portrait of Ruth, into the rock. Why, these creatures would start in the spring, and the grass will have that soon perish if they were always doubting and dark-green look which is so pleasant to the farmaster would not let me sleep. I crept up and fearing at to whether they had a right to use mer's eye. went to the window. My father and mother use providential provisions. The stork says The compost for top-dressing need not be went to the window. My father and mother use providential provisions. The compost for top-dressing need not be were not at home, but the back door was left to himself, "Ah, here is a fir tree;" he consults very rich. Even good loam spread over the with his mate—"Will this do for the nest in surface of grass land has a most beneficial effect. I put my head out of the window and saw which we may rear our young?" "Ay," says This is the top-dressing which river meadows Child's Magazin the tree; after a while I saw the pear. I she, and they gather materials and arrange them receive when the lands are overflowed, and Arthur and his Mother thought my mouth was parched, and I must There is never any deliberation, "May we there are no better grass lands in the world Rosa, Life of Esther, thought came to my mind: "What will tather the back stairs on my mind: "What will tather thought came to my mind: "What will tather the same than such alluvial meadows, which are annually than such alluvial meadows and the such alluvial meadows and t say?" and I answered, "He will not know."

So I had already settled it in myself that I it. Yet, though these dumb creatures know rich. It will, at all events contain more or would take the pear and eat it. I stood under the provision of their God, the sinner does not the tree; I looked up with my hand stretched out, and saw a star looking down upon me through the leaves. All at once it was as am afraid it is not for me," and "I at through I heard the four words: "Thou, God, the sinner does not the provision of their God, the sinner does not the provision of his Saviour. He quibbles and questions, "May I?" and "I am afraid it is through I heard the four words: "Thou, God, cannot be meant for me; and I am afraid it is the spring. This is slipshod farming. The seest me. I put my hands before my eyes, and to good to be true." And yet nobody ever said the spring. This is slipshod farming. The free on receiving a post-paid directed envelope. ran as fast as I could to the opened door, up to the stork, "Whosover buildeth on this fir tree shall never have his nest pulled down." of the benefit of the manure lost.—Indepen-There I stood trembling. I knew that God No inspired word has ever said to the cony, dent.

had seen me, and I thought that my father and "Whosover runs into this rock-cleft shall nehere is Christ provided for sinners, just the sort But I crept into my bed. and after a while of a Saviour sinners need, and the encourageknowing what I did, "God is to have it."

Come, believe in Jesus, and find salvation now. O that you would come, it is what God er and mother looked wondering, and tather has provided for your wants. Come, take it head?"

I felt that my cheeks were burning hot, tears

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do it for Christ's sake. Amen. - Spurgeon.

Sometimes, perhaps, thou hearest another Christian pray with much freedom and fluency, had really had a dozen such pears given me while thou canst hardly get out a few broken words. Hence thou art ready to accuse thyself and admire him, as if the gilding on the key made it open the door the better .-

> TOP-DRESSING GRASS LANDS. BY ALEXANDER HYDE.

The practice of applying manure near the sur-It happened one Sunday that the church Mr. vented from becoming "hide-bound," as the S., Jimmy's master, attended was closed, and farmers call it; that is, the surface is kept suspicion, and resolved to keep watch over all and dispense its varied and abundant tertilizing church door, and so was obliged to let him enruin is often caused by a few hasty words. If After the sermon a collection was taken up, canned, and at the second plowing is often turninto life again, and it accomplishes its mission Winnie and his Pets,

ble, Jimmy left the pew, and walked slowly up If manure is buried at great depth, not only Florence Arnot. the broad aisle, and jumping upon the table, is the decomposition slow, but the saline mat-Grace and Clara, it one that will make you ever acceptable with put his nose in among the loose money, found ter descends with the percolating rains to a with your fellows; and better still, will win for Blind Alice. it carefully in his mouth, jumped down, and, the roots of some of the grasses. While the The Sisters. laid the bill in his master's hand, and then look- organic part of manure tends to rise and be Trust in God, ed around as if to say, "I have done my duty dissipated in the air, the inorganic or earthy Facts not Fables, part teads downward. Hence, while farmers Idle Dick. Now, I suppose that neither you nor I think have disputed whether it is better to plow in Ralph, Jimmy did right, and yet the knowing dog barn-yard manure or to apply it near the sur- Noble Convert, thought it was very right. Jimmy is faithful to face, there is great unanimity in recommend- Ancient History his master, and did what he thought was his ing the application of lime, ashes, plaster, etc., to the surface.

Much nonsense has been written about gra and then, like Jimmy, be not afraid to go velly and sandy soils being leachy, and many ahead and do it. We all have duties to per- seem to think that in such soils all the virtue form and work to do, and should be watchful of the manure goes down to Davy Jones' lock over any trust that may be put upon us, re- er, or some other subterraneous place, where membering that we have a Master to serve, it is forever locked up. True it is that in warm, who, I hope, at the last great day will call us sandy soils the effect of manure does not seem ogood and faithful servants."—Child's Paper. to be lasting; but this is not because the ammonia and other rich gases descend. In warm. porous land manure decomposes quickly, but it porous land manure decomposes quickly, but it is only the saline matter that descends; the organic elements rise just as surely, while the Harry Burns. combustion—for decomposition is only a slow The Sisters, combustion—takes place slowly in the soil or Trust in God, "Now for a feast," said her brother to her rapidly in the air. Moreover, there are few Nellie Newton, one morning, as he picked some beautiful ones sandy soils that have not sufficient clay and ve- Nellie Russell, getable matter in them "to absorb the fat- Sylvia Austen, "I can not eat these," said she, for they are ness," as an old farmer expresses it, "and let Natural History, the leanness slide away." We have a tile drain under our barn-yard, and seldom does the wareason for our making a feast, for they are a ter, which issues from the tiles show any discoloration from the manure, though in the centre of the yard the tiles are only a few inches be-

low the surface. Some object to top-dressing and surface-manuring on the ground that the virtue of the mathat then he always felt happier in spending nure is lost in the air. To this we reply that ed manure, in which the putrefactive process "Ah! but," said her brother, "how can you has well-advanced, and the gases have been give strawberries to God? And even it you absorbed by muck or loam. We have used much compost in which night-soil and dead "O! I have found out a way," said she. horses form the essence of the manure, two land we take care to harrow it in speedily, and Eliza M. Baker, Away went the children to give them to the it is surprising how little cover of earth will ab-He told all the children on no account to dying child, and when they saw her put out her sorb the gases of such manure. Even when left touch it, for the fruit was tender and must not this arms and take the ripe, round fruit in her uncovered and expessed to the sun a film is For top-dressing grass lands we much prefer Early Dead, they felt as if they had a richer treat then if the autumn; and, if possible, to cover the lots Little Aun, Every one that came to see my father was they had kept the ripe fruit for themselves; before the fall rains commence. The wheels of Parting Advice asked to look at that pear; and they all agreed and something within them told them that God the cart and the feet of the horse do not pack Written Pictures, that it was likely to ripen into a first rate fruit; had accepted their little offering.—Sunday at the meadows when dry. The dressing answers as a mulch to the soil, and when the rain comes is washed down among the roots of the grasses. giving them great power to nourish the after

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