

HOW MILDRED CONSIDERED.

"Mamma, what does consider mean?" asked Mildred when she came down from grandma's room one Sunday afternoon. "My verse said to-day, 'consider one another.'"

"Is that too long a word for you, dear one?" asked mamma. "It is a hard word for older people too." Then came one of those talks which Mildred loved; but these were the words she remembered best as she put her head on the pillow that night: "To 'consider' others means to obey the Golden Rule with them all the time, and do as you wish them to do to you."

The next morning mamma said, "Mildred, I think I shall stop at the cripple's home this morning and bring Janey here with me. Will you be ready to give her a happy-day?"

Now, Janey was a sick little girl with aching back and limbs, and it was very hard for her to be cheerful and keep from being cross. Mildred would have liked better to go out in the clear sunshine and romp with Carlo all day; but one little word came into her mind, and she was all sunshine as she said, "Oh yes, mamma! bring her, and I'll 'consider' her if she is real cross."

When Janey came she found the bright nursery in apple pie order. "Let's play you are the lady and I am the washerwoman," said Mildred as soon as her little friend was rested after her ride. "You must play your baby is too sick to leave and I will play that I'm very 'ficient and can do all the house work," she said. And she went to work with a will at the tub of doll's clothes waiting to be washed.

That evening Janey went home without a single ache in her tender heart. For Mildred had learned the meaning of "consider."—*Christian Observer.*

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

A gentleman once advertised for a boy to assist in his office.

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"I should like to know," said a friend, "on what ground you chose that boy. He had not a single recommendation with him."

"You are mistaken," said the gentleman. "He had a great many."

"He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him; showing that he was orderly and tidy."

"He gave up his seat instantly to the lame old man who entered; showing that he was kind and thoughtful."

"He took off his hat when he came in and answered my questions promptly and respectfully; showing that he was polite."

"He lifted up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor and placed it on the table while all the rest had stepped over it or pushed

it aside; showing that he was careful."

"And he waited patiently for his turn, instead of pushing the others aside; showing that he was modest."

"When I talked to him I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair in nice order, and his teeth as white as milk."

"When he wrote his name I observed that his finger nails were clean, instead of being tipped with jet like the handsome little fellow's in the blue jacket."

Don't you call these things letters of recommendation? I do, and what I can tell about a boy by using my eyes ten minutes is worth more than all the fine letters he can bring me."—*Christian Observer.*

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"Solomon's system?"

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