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“PLEASANT HOURS.”

MAUDE has been waiting all week for *Pleasant Hours*; and here it is at last. Maude is not home from school yet, but Mamma is reading it to baby Ethel. But Ethel likes the *SUNBEAM* better, for she is too little for such a big paper as the *Pleasant Hours*. Evie and Grace, in the corner of the picture, are reading the *SUNBEAM*. They all think it is such

a nice paper. Evie and Grace got it last Sunday in Sabbath-school. Maude's big brother, Harry, is as fond of *Pleasant Hours* as Maude herself. Here you see how eagerly he is looking at it. Both *Pleasant Hours* and *SUNBEAM* are soon to be greatly enlarged and improved, so that all—young and old—will await their coming just as eagerly as the group in the picture.

LITTLE CHILDREN.

LITTLE feet may find the pathway
 Leading upward unto God ;
 Little hands may help to scatter
 Seeds of precious truth abroad.

Youthful hearts may be the temple
 For the Spirit's dwelling-place—
 Childhood's lips declare the riches
 Of God's all-abounding grace.

Little ones, though frail and earth-born,
 Heirs of blessedness may be,
 For the Saviour whispered gently,
 “Suffer such to come to me.”

And, in that eternal kingdom,
 'Mid the grand triumphant throng,
 Childish voices sweet may mingle
 In the glorious choral song.