

and fed them, or naked and clothed them, or sick and in prison and ministered unto them?" What a harvest there will be when the Judge of all shall say "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me. Come ye blessed of my Father *inherit* the kingdom."

Be patient.—Every child has opportunities of dropping this seed daily. In the after battle of life it will all come back to you an hundred fold.

Be gentle.—A rough disposition is very unlovable. Try how often you can drop this seed in and watch the results.

Have charity.—You cannot have true happiness without this being formerly planted in your nature; be forgiving and loving and your reward will be very great.

Be generous.—This is a very precious seed and few will yield a better return. This, you know, means a great deal more than simply forgiving one another. It means using what we have for the good of others. Never forget that what you have is not your own. God has lent it to you, and you will have to give Him an account of how you use it. Perhaps you have heard the old adage: "What I used I had, what I kept I lost, and what I gave away I have." Only what we use for our own and others' good, is rightly used. Try how many ways you can do good to those about you.

Try and think how many more good seeds you can plant in the spring time of life. Plant them in faith that a rich harvest time is coming. Do it just as the farmer does, and then like him, patiently wait remembering that after the seed is buried the sower can do no more for it, God must do the rest. Were He to withhold the showers and the sunshine, there would be no return to the farmer. Can any of the boys or girls say how a blade of grass grows—how a bud or a blossom is brought into existence? Did you ever examine the rich colors and delicate tints of many of the flowers in our gardens? Did you ever consider the lilies how they grow; they toil not neither do they spin? It requires the omnipotent power that created the world and gave us being to paint the rose or cause a blade of grass to grow. So you see we may do all in our power, using every talent God has given us, and then we must look to the giver of all good to work for us and in us so that ours may be a joyful harvest time.

CHILDREN CAN SERVE CHRIST.

The boy that carried the five loaves and two fishes was of some service to the benevolent and wonder working Saviour.

A little boy once said to his mother, "I should like to have lived in the time of our Saviour that I might have done something for Him."

His mother smiled and said:

"What could a child of your years have done for Him to prove your goodwill?"

The little boy thought a moment and then said:

"I would run everywhere doing His errands."

Now this boy could still serve Christ by giving his little savings to translate, print, and circulate Bibles and Testaments. The Lord Jesus could still see him do it, and still remember all he did for heathen boys and girls.