



TELLING THE SECRET TO GRANDMA.

WHAT CAN WE DO ?

Is there no means by which we can persuade or reason our scholars into more study of the Bible? Is there no means by which we can induce the fathers and mothers and grandmothers and older sisters who sit by the piano during practice hour to see that there is no shirking of the scales, who preside over the study table at night to see that the spelling books and grammars receive due attention, to bestow also somewhat proportionate pains upon preparation for the Sabbath lesson?

In many careful Christian homes it would seem as though the parents were thoroughly alive to the value to their children of every branch of education, except education in the Scriptures. After providing a Bible for each son and daughter, with the name and an appropriate text on the fly leaf, there the matter, to a great extent, drops. No questions are asked, very few reminders are given, no particular interest is shown, nor apparently is application expected. Latin they must learn, but about the Bible they may do as

they like. We can hardly wonder that boys and girls, who would feel to their finger tips the mortification of a slip in geography or spelling, laugh and are undisturbed when caught in the most flagrant Biblical blunders. Nor is it perhaps surprising that diligent and conscientious as to their week-day tasks, eager for progress and "promotion" in them, they really are ready to feel complacent and self-satisfied if, at the end of years of Sabbath-school attendance, they have risen high enough to stumble through the Golden Text of maybe twenty words, and to have skimmed over the lesson passage at home. Can we teachers do anything in our own or any other households to alter this state of feeling?

There are certain simple little methods which, if varied sufficiently, might bring about a moderate amount of preparation; and moderation in these things would be a pleasant advance. Give out a topic for the next Sabbath, and ask each scholar to hunt up in his Bible a text bearing upon it, which he is to copy out and bring to

the class, or better, memorize and recite. For instance, a text about Christmas or New Year or Easter; about harvest time, or planting, or business. Then we may have a Promise Sabbath, calling for the beautiful Bible promises; or a Golden Text Sabbath, when each must select a new Golden Text for himself, which he thinks will fit the lesson almost as well as the one given us by authority.

I was told by a member of the committee which arranges our International Series that there is more discussion in the committee about choosing Golden Texts as well as more expostulation from the public after they are chosen, than on any other point; and I believed him. Older scholars might be asked to bring opinions or illustrations or facts about individual verses or clauses in the lesson.

A GENTLEMANLY BOY.

A gentle boy, a manly boy,
Is the boy I love to see;
An honest boy, an upright boy,
Is the boy of boys for me.

The gentle boy guards well his lips,
Lest words that fall may grieve;
The manly boy will never stoop
To meanness, or deceive.

An honest boy clings to the right,
Through seasons foul and fair;
An upright boy will faithful be
When trusted anywhere.

The gentle boy, the manly boy,
Upright and honest, too,
Will always find a host of friends
Among the good and true.

He reaps reward in doing good,
Finds joy in giving joy,
And earns the right to bear the name,
A gentlemanly boy.

FOR JESUS' SAKE.

"Mother," said a little five-year-old boy, "I wish Jesus lived on earth now."

"Why, my darling?"

"Because I should like so much to do something for him."

"But what could such a little bit of a fellow as you are do for the Saviour?"

The child hesitated a few moments, then looked up into his mother's face and said: "Why, mother, I could run on all his errands for him."

So you could, my child, and so you shall. Here are a glass of jelly and some oranges I was going to send to poor, old, sick Margaret by the servant; but I will let you take them instead, and do an errand for the Saviour, for when upon earth he said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." Whenever you do a kind act for anybody because you love Jesus, it is just the same as if the Saviour were now living on the earth and you were doing it for him."