

Faith.

This child who wandered lost, alone, they stopped upon the street;
She looked into their faces with a smiling firm and sweet;
And out she spoke: "My papa loves me; mamma loves me, too.
Zey tell me so 'most every night, and so me knows zey do."

When where she lived and what her name the kindly-hearted asked,
She shook her golden curls as if she would not then be tasked,
And answered only: "Papa loves me; mamma loves me, too.
Zey tell me so 'most every night, and so me knows zey do."

The twilight came, and tired and sore her little feet tripped slow;
A tiny sigh from the baby breast when she could no farther go;
But no complaint—"My papa loves me; mamma loves me, too.
Zey tell me so 'most every night, and so me knows zey do."

They brought her to a lighted room where the walls were dull and bare,
And the faces all were strange to her, and she sobbed amid the glare,
The same sweet words: "My papa loves me; mamma loves me, too.
Zey tell me so 'most every night, and so me knows zey do."

At length she slept where tender care had made a gentle bed,
And as the blue eyes shadowy grew and fell the weary head,
The listeners heard: "My papa loves me; mamma loves me, too.
Zey tell me so 'most every night, and so me knows zey do."

The father and the mother came, disheartened, anxious-eyed;
They caught her to their joyful hearts, and cried and laughed and cried.
She woke and smiled: "My papa loves me; mamma loves me, too.
Me told 'oo so 'most every night, and now 'oo knows zey do!"

—N. E. Nesmith, Jr.

of their labours, their successes, their hopes, their fears, and their disappointments; and, standing round Him, received His loving words of approval, criticism and guidance. So let us, as His true and humble servants, come unto Jesus, rest awhile with Him, seek His blessing on the seed we scatter, and gain wisdom and encouragement from Him.

Those who thus "wait upon Him" shall renew their strength and multiply their successes; and communion with Him shall fill them with a Divine inspiration and holy zeal.

And when we recollect how many of our brethren and sisters in the Lord are calling upon Him for a common blessing, we shall be the more ready to expect His gracious answer of peace. Long before the sun's light dawns upon our land, our fellow-workers in Eastern latitudes have lifted their hearts and voices to Him for themselves and us; and when our evening's prayer has been offered, Christian brethren in the far west are uttering like petitions and offering like praises. So true shall it be:—

"The whole round world is every way bound with gold chains about the feet of God."

It is well for us to reflect how much is promised to those who ask in faith; therefore, let us with our whole heart seek the gracious help of our Lord, beseeching Him for wisdom and strength rightly to work for Him: praying for the present personal welfare of our own scholars; for help to be afforded to our fellow-teachers at home and abroad; and especially for Sunday-school work on the continent of Europe, as well as of missionary effort in heathen lands.

As so much depends upon being prepared to enter upon the engagements of these days in right spirit, teachers and officers are again urged individually to secure some additional time on each day of the preceding week for private thought and prayer, that all may come together with prepared hearts, to praise and thank God for what He has done; and to pray that the workers may be increasingly fitted for His service, and that the children may be led to an early decision for Christ.

It is suggested that the following arrangements should, as far as practicable, be observed:—

That on the Lord's-day morning, October 19, from 7 to 8 o'clock, private intercessory prayer be offered on behalf of Sunday-schools; that the opening engagements of the morning school be preceded by a meeting of the teachers for prayer; that ministers be asked to preach special sermons on the claims of the Sunday-school, and the necessity for increased intelligence and consecration on the part of teachers.

That in the afternoon, the ordinary engagements of each school be shortened, and the scholars unite in a devotional service, interspersed with singing and appropriate addresses. To this service the parents of the scholars might be invited.

That at the close of the afternoon or evening service, the teachers, in union with other Christians, meet for thanksgiving and prayer.

That on Monday morning, October 20, teachers again bring their scholars, one by one, in private prayer before God.

That in the course of the day, the female teachers of each school hold a

meeting for united prayer and thanksgiving.

That in the evening, each church or congregation be invited to hold a meeting, at which the interests of the Sunday-school should form the theme of the prayers and addresses.

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"By Heart."

FRED said he knew his Sunday school lesson all by heart.

"Why, Fred," said cousin Mary, "you surprise me!"

Now, Fred liked to have cousin Mary think well of him, and he looked about an inch taller, as he replied with a show of humility:

"It seems as if anybody might learn so short a lesson as that—only ten verses!"

"Oh, it was not the length of the lesson, but the breadth of it, that I was thinking of, my dear boy. It is a great thing to learn a lesson like that by heart."

"What do you mean, cousin Mary?"

"I was just thinking about this little verse 'If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.' That is a part of the lesson which you say you know by heart; but I heard you declare a few months ago that you would never forgive Ralph Hastings as long as you lived!"

Fred was silent. He had never thought about this way of learning a lesson by heart. When he had it all

in his head, and could say it off glibly with his tongue, he had supposed that he knew it by heart. But cousin Mary opened a new world of thought on the subject.

"Was cousin Mary right? Do we ever really know a thing until we do it? Fred learned this morning the meaning of that little word 'forgive,' by just forgiving Ralph, in the most real and practical manner possible. For Fred was trying to be a Christian boy, and when he once saw that the words of Jesus were met to be done and not said merely, he honestly set about doing them.

"This must be the way, then, to learn a lesson 'by heart,' to put it into practice! We don't always do that, when we learn a lesson by head.

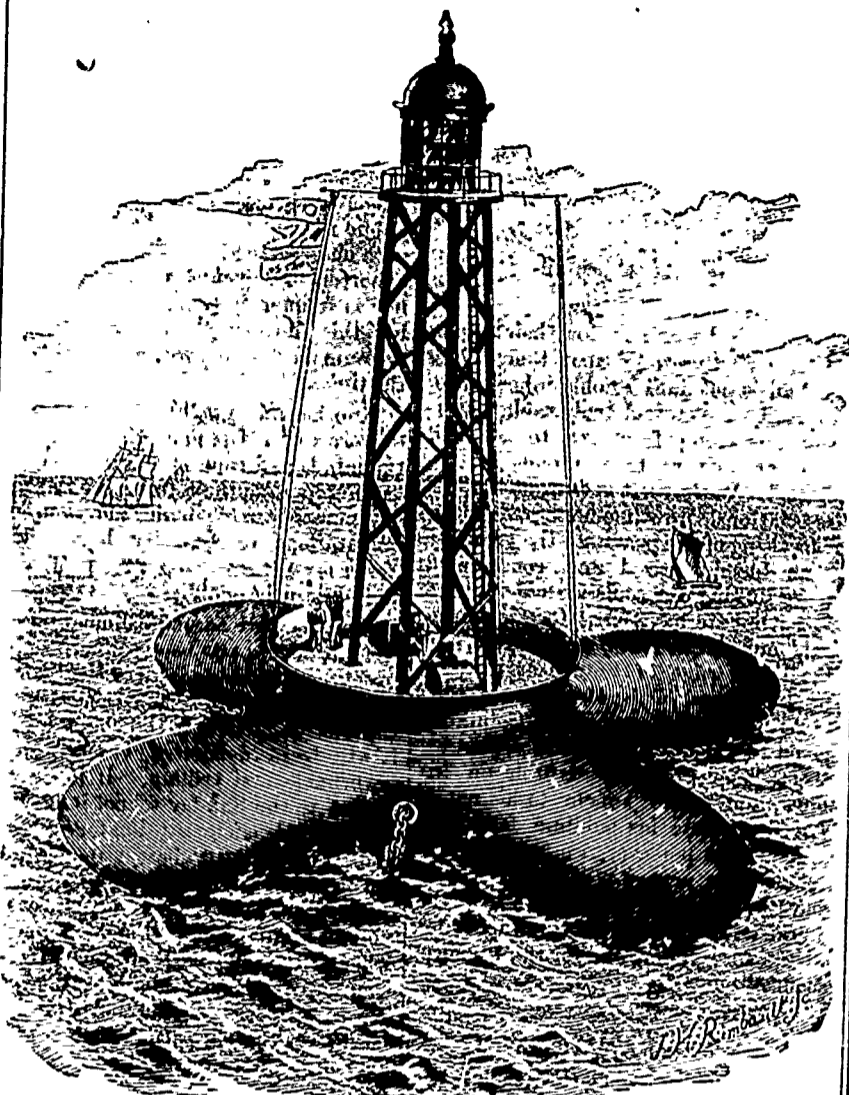
Jesus must have meant something very practical when he said:

"Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Floating Lighthouse.

WHAT a strange looking lighthouse this is! It was constructed to anchor over a shifting sandbar, where no good foundation could be obtained for a solid structure. It consists, you will observe, of a great iron air-tight float, on which the slender structure which supports the lantern is erected. The whole is firmly anchored in the sand, and forms a beacon to warn mariners to beware of the sandbar's treacherous embrace.

"Will you join me in a cup of tea, Mr. Simkins?" Mr. Simkins: "Ah, thank you; but wouldn't it be rather crowded?"



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Universal Prayer for Sunday-Schools.

The Committee of the London Sunday-school Union would again call attention to the days appointed for universal prayer on behalf of Sunday-schools; and do so with a hearty greeting in the name of the Master, "whose we are and whom we serve."

When He was on the earth, the disciples gathered about Him; early in the morning (Mark 1: 35, 36), or at sunset (Mark 6: 30, 31), telling Him