

and great undertakings. If you look at our picture you will see his portrait—the house in which he was born—the cottage in which he preached his first sermon—and, above it, the great building in which he now preaches. You have also his College—the Girl's Home, and the entrance gates to the Boy's Home. We wish we had time to tell you of the great good these Homes and the College have accomplished, but we must close by expressing hope that your name, like his, may be written in the records of this world's history as that of one who loved the Lord, and worked for His cause, and that, like Mr. Spurgeon's, it may also be written in the Lamb's "Book of Life."

Fibbing or Lying.



WE are sometimes asked what the difference is between a fib and a lie. We hardly know how to answer this question, for they are both of the same nature. Perhaps there is about the same difference that there is between a man and a boy, or a girl and a woman. A fib is often called a little lie, just as a girl is called a little woman, or a boy a little man. We believe children indulge in what they call fibbing, and have the opinion that it is not so very wrong. Fibs are sometimes called white lies, by which it is meant that they are not very wicked.

But let us warn our young friends that fibs, white lies, and black lies all belong to the one family, and the Devil is the father of this family. They are like a family of snakes, some small, some half grown, and some full grown. In due time the deadly fang and the fatal poison will appear, and our only safety is in having nothing to do with any of them. We wonder if children ever stop to think how many ways of fibbing and lying there are. We will not stop to tell, but ask the boys and girls to see if they can find out.

True Courage.

A SUNDAY-SCHOOL boy after he had joined the church, was met by his school mates the next day with a sneer: "So you've become a Christian, have you?" "Yes," he answered, looking them bravely in the face, "and I'm not ashamed of it." If he had tried to sneak out of it, if he had been ashamed of Jesus, they would have bothered him for a long time: but when he was so brave and manly about it they stopped their sneering right off, and some of them said to him, "You're right, I wish I was a Christian too."

SAID a little boy in one of our Public schools,— "Why should we be afraid to die? It is only going home to Jesus." It was not many days after, when he was called to test his hope. He died without a fear.

The Lad and the Barley Loaves.

JOHN vi. 5-14.



HERE is many a lesson to be learnt from little things and circumstances apparently insignificant. Have you ever thought of the *lad and the barley loaves*? Let us see what he is intended to teach us. We may be sure that the Holy Ghost mentioned him for a purpose: 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17. God cares for little

things: Deut. xxii. 6, 7, &c.

1. *Who was he?* We do not know his name, or whence he came. But two things we learn of him:— *He was a lad*, a mere youth: Prov. viii. 17; Eccles. xii. 1. *He was following Jesus*. Perhaps like Matthew: Matt. ix. 9. It is good to follow Jesus: Matt. xvi. 24. Many will come to Him who will not follow Him: Matt. xix. 22; John vi. 66.

2. *What was his stock?* Very little indeed—five barley loaves and two small fishes. It was such that the disciples thought it nothing: ver. 9; Ps. lxxviii. 19. But God gives the stock suitable to each: Matt. xxv. 15; 1 Cor. xii. 11. Every one has *something*, however small: Luke xix. 13. And the stock given has to be used for the Master: Rom. xii. 6-8; 1 Cor. xii. 7; 1 Pet. iv. 10.

3. *What did it do?* It fed five thousand people. Only think of that! And there were twelve baskets full of fragments remaining! Exod. xvi. 18. Where do we read of anything like this? 1 Kings xvii. 14-16; 2 Kings iv. 2-7. We may also think of the shoes of the Israelites, and the purses of the disciples: Deut. xxix. 5; Luke xxii. 25. This, then, may be done again.

4. *How did it do it?* It was put into the hands of Jesus, and blessed by Him: ver. 11. "*The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich*:" Prov. x. 22; Gen. xxiv. 35; Ps. xxxvii. 22. God can produce great results with what appear to us impossible means: Matt. ix. 28, 29; Mark ix. 23; Luke i. 37. The poor fishermen of Galilee, uneducated as they were, yet giving themselves to Jesus, became the instruments of salvation to thousands: Acts ii. 41, iv. 4, v. 14, &c.

How much may little children do by the blessing of the Lord! Our talents may be small but let us take the whole to Him, for He can bless the feeblest efforts: 1 Sam. ii. 7, 8.

"God's gifts are only then enjoy'd,
When used as talents lent;
Those talents only well employ'd,
When in His service spent."

[We hope our young friends will carefully read the above article, and as they read it, remember that to fully understand it you must have your Bible by your side and read all the texts given.—EDITOR.]