

THE SUNBEAM

Vol. II.

MAY 21, 1881.

No. 10.



TELLING STORIES.

WHERE are Alice and Lou and Maud, sitting on the door-step, telling stories. Lou is telling the story that her Mamma read to her from her Sunday-school Library. Mamma read the story to Lou, because there were so many hard words in it that Lou could not read it herself. And whenever Mamma came

to a hard word Lou would say, "What does it mean, Mamma?" and her Mamma would tell her, and she remembered, and thus she learnt a great many words. She was not like some children, who read and pass over the words they do not know without finding out the meaning of them.

THE STRAYED LAMB.

A GIDDY lamb one afternoon
Had from the fold departed;
The tender shepherd missed it soon
And sought it broken-hearted;
Not all the flock that shared his love
Could from the search delay him,
Nor clouds of midnight darkness move,
Nor fear of suffering stay him.

But night and day he went his way
In sorrow till he found it;
And when he saw it fainting lie,
He clasped his arms around it;
And, closely sheltered in his breast,
From every ill to save it,
He brought it to his home to rest,
And pitied and forgave it.

And so the Saviour will receive
The little ones that fear him;
Their pains remove, their sins forgive,
And draw them gently near him;
Bless while they live, and when they die—
When soul and body sever—
Conduct them to his home on high,
To dwell with him forever.