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"I will go this evening," answered the stranger.

The children went home and told their story to their parents, who seemed much pleased and astonished.

Soon a loud knock was heard at the door, and on opening it the little family were surprised to see men bringing in baskets of richly-cooked food in variety and abundance. They had an ample feast that evening.

Thus God answered the children's prayer. Soon after, while Wolfgang was playing a sonata which he had composed, the stranger entered and stood astonished at the wondrous melody. The father recognized in his guest Francis I., the Emperor of Austria.

Not long afterward the family were invited by the Emperor to Vienna, where Wolfgang astonished the royal family by his wonderful powers.

At the age of fifteen years Wolfgang Mozart was acknowledged by all eminent composers as a master.

Mozart was a Christian as well as a musician. The simple trust in God which he learned in childhood never forsook him.

#### LITTLE JOE.

Little Joe's home was a cabin on the side of the road, and poor little fellow he had never been able to take a step in his life, as his legs were drawn and bent, and his poor little feet were shrivelled, and he had no feeling in his legs or feet. It was Good Friday two years ago when I first saw little Joe, and he was sitting in the dirt in the road. His face and hands were grimy with dirt, and his only mode of locomotion was by crawling. And although he was nine years old, he was dressed like a girl, the skirt of his dress being long enough to fold over his deformed legs and feet. He seemed to enjoy being out in the road, as everybody passing by had a kind word for him. Well, it flashed across my mind that some pleasure might be given him, and I thought the matter over and concluded that the best thing to do was to get him a wagon large enough to hold him, so he could be taken to ride every bright day. Easter eve I got some little boys to go with me to buy a wagon, and the kind storekeeper gave me a pound of candy to carry him, and the wagon was filled with toys of all kinds, and away we started down the road with our load.

As usual, Joe was sitting in the road, playing, and we asked him if he'd like to take a ride, and you may be sure he said yes. So into the

wagon he was put, and he had his first ride. Easter Monday there was an "egg rolling" in town, and the children invited Joe, and told him they'd give him some pretty colored Easter eggs. So I had Joe washed and dressed, and his hair nicely combed, and I took him in his wagon to the "egg-rolling." The children were very nice and kind, and gave him quantities of pretty colored eggs. He had never seen any ice cream, and he was very funny about it, saying he liked that cold stuff. He had never seen a "dress parade," so one evening he was taken up to see it, and he asked if "they did that way in heaven, and if the cadets were angels?"

Well, after seeing little Joe every day for a month, I thought I would try and get him admitted into a hospital, and my effort was crowned with success. And now he is in the Retreat for the Sick in Richmond, where the kind doctors have wrought a wonderful change in him, and he is able to walk all about on crutches. Miss Selden, the sweet, kind nurse, is teaching him to read, and he is being trained by gentleness and kindness to be a Christian, and his life in "The Retreat" is a "heaven on earth" compared to his former life crawling in the dirty road.

Joe had never been dressed like a boy until he went to Richmond, and had never sat at a table to eat his

meals. And now he sits at a sweet clean table in a pretty chair, and eats his meals like a little gentleman, and every night is taught to say his prayers, and sleeps in a little bed in a lovely room.

I hope Joe appreciates what kind Doctors Wellford and Wheat are doing for him, and I am sure he must love dear Miss Selden, who is teaching him to read and gives him so much pleasure by taking him out in the city on the electric cars. And God has been truly good in raising up such dear kind friends for little Joe, and I am truly grateful to the doctors and Miss Selden for having done so much for this poor little lame boy.

#### SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE.

There is not so much need of learning as of grace to apprehend those things which concern our everlasting peace; neither is it our brain that must be set to work, but our hearts. However excellent the use of scholarship in all the sacred employments of divinity, yet, in the main act, which imparts salvation, skill must give place to affection. Happy is the soul that is possessed of Christ, how poor soever in all inferior endowments. Ye are wide, O ye great wits, while ye spend yourselves in curious questions and learned extravagances. Ye shall find one touch of Christ more worth to your

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souls than all your deep and laborious disquisitions. In vain shall ye seek for this in your books, if you miss it in your bosoms. If you know all things, and cannot say, "I know whom I have believed," you have but knowledge enough to know yourselves completely miserable. The deep mysteries of godliness, which to the great clerks of the world are as a book clasped and sealed up, lie open before him (the pious and devout man) fair and legible; and while those book-men know whom they have heard of, "he knows whom he hath believed!" "The truth of Christianity," says a pious author, "is the Spirit of God living and working in it; and when the Spirit is not the life of it, then the outward form is but like the carcass of a departed soul." Divinity has certainly been confused and perplexed by the learned. It requires to be disentangled and simplified. It appears to me to consist in this single point, the restoration of the divine life, the image of God (lost and defaced at the fall) by the operation of the Holy Ghost. When this is restored, every other advantage of Christianity follows in course. Pure morals are absolutely necessary to the reception of the Holy Ghost, and an unavoidable consequence of His continuance. The attainment of grace is then the *unum necessarium*. It includes in it all Gospel comfort, it teaches all virtue, and infallibly leads to light, life, and immortality.—Bishop Hall.

The much-talked about "higher life" is simply living close to God, on the Sabbath in His sanctuary, and through the week in our own dwellings and in our own places of business.