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**Washington's Tomb.**

WE give on this page a picture of the tomb of George Washington, at Mount Vernon. But there is in this picture another feature of interest.

If our little readers will look carefully at the two large trees they will see standing between these trees a figure of George Washington in his soldier's dress, with his sword by his side. Now, some may see this at once, while others will have to look a long time, and perhaps very often. When you do see him, you may be certain that you will never be able to look at the picture without his figure being the first thing your eye will rest upon. Now, let me tell you, that the artist who painted the picture intended that George Washington should be the principal object of attraction. Not the tomb, but *the man*.

So is it, dear children, with the Bible. Christ, the Spotless One, is the grand centre figure. But

He needs to be pointed out as if by the finger of God, and we need Spiritual eyes to see Him. Christ is in the Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testament, and this is why they have so much power over men. And yet it is with many persons as it will be with some who look at our picture, they read the Bible often and never see Him.

Jesus said, "In the volume of the Book it is written of ME." Moses wrote of ME. "Search the Scriptures, . . . for they testify of ME." There is only one *book* and one *Me* in the universe, —the Bible and Christ.

Dear children, have you seen Jesus? Oh, believe the Book, and trust the Saviour. You have all the reasons in the world for trusting Him. And remember that the Holy Bible will do for you all it did for the young child Timothy, and, like him, you will live a happy and useful life. The good will thank God for the help you give them, and God himself will give you a



TOMB AND SHADE OF WASHINGTON.

But | crown of glory that fadeth not away.

### Historical Figures.



**C**HILDREN, your attention a moment! The following will help you to remember dates.

Take the following letters: Old (3) Testament (9). Placed together we have 39, being the number of books in the Old Testament.

Again, New (3) Testament (9). Multiply 3 by 9 equal 27, being the number of books in the New Testament. Then, 3 plus 9 equal 12, also 39 minus 27 equal 12, the age at which Christ began to teach in the Temple.

Again, 39 plus 27 equal 66. Transpose the chapters in the old Testament and subtract the New: thus 93 minus 27 equal 66, the year the most important Gospels were written.

Transpose the New Testament, making 72 minus 39 equal 33, the age of Christ when he was crucified. Multiply the numbers of Old and New Testaments, 39 and 27 together, extract square root and you have the age of Christ at the Last Great Supper, 32 years 6 months.—*Selected.*

“**A** BOY'S temptations are no harder for a boy than a man's temptations are for a man. It is as much a boy's duty to be faithful, and just, and kind on the playground, or at school, or at home, as it is a man's duty to be just, and honest, and true in the counting-room or in the Senate hall. It is just as much a boy's duty to imitate the boy Jesus, as it is a man's duty to imitate the man Jesus.”

### Novel Alphabetic Arrangement.



In the above illustration, all the letters of the alphabet may be traced. It also shows their dependence on each other.

### The Brazen Serpent.



**W**HEN the Israelites had been wandering for nearly forty years in the desert. Bread from heaven had been given them daily, and they had not been suffered to lack water or thirst. But they were discontented, grew tired of the bread; and as they were in a dry, burnt-up part of the desert, they said the water would fail. They grew very impatient and ungrateful.

The Lord God heard their murmurs—as He knows and hears everyone's murmurs now—and sent fiery serpents, whose bite or sting made the flesh hot and burn like fire. These serpents came among the people, glided into the tents, bit the people, and many died. Neither young nor old could escape their bite; and the people could find no cure for it; and it seemed as if all the people must be destroyed. No wonder that they came to Moses and asked Him to pray to the Lord for help. God did help; but He did not take away the serpents. He told Moses to make a serpent of brass, the same shape and colour as the live ones, and put it on a high pole; and then whosoever looked upon it should be saved from death.

Depend upon it, hundreds looked; and quickly, too. All who looked, lived. Sin, like a serpent, has bitten us, and we shall perish unless we look and trust in Jesus. Remember what Jesus said:—

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up;

“That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”—John iii. 14-16.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.—Prov. i. 10.

### What will you do?



HERE are more than 300,000,000 children in heathen lands who have no Bible, and no knowledge of CHRIST:

Are you too young to help them? Remember—

JESUS was but twelve years old when He expressed a desire to be about His "Father's business." Samuel was a mere "child" when he "ministered unto the LORD before Eli." Queen Esther was but a girl "in her teens" when she staked her life in an effort to save her people. Josiah was but eight years old when he became King, and then at seventeen "he began to seek after the God of David, his father."—*Foreign Missionary.*

### A Word to Boys.



YOU are made to be kind boys generous, magnanimous. If there is a boy in school who has a club-foot, don't let him know you ever saw it. If there is a poor boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about rags in his hearing. If there is a

lame boy, assign him some part in the game that doesn't require running. If there is a hungry one, give him part of your dinner. If there is a dull one, help him to get his lesson. If there is a bright one, be not envious of him; for if one boy is proud of his talents, and another is envious of them, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before. If a larger or stronger boy has injured you, and is sorry for it, forgive him. All the school will show by their countenances how much better it is than to have a great fuss.

—*Horace Mann.*

### How a Bad Habit Grows.

1. It is like a *thread*—easily broken. A child can do it.
2. It is like a *cord* that requires much effort to break it.
3. It has increased until it is like *twine*, requiring all of one's strength to part it.
4. It is now a *hempen rope*, binding fast and growing quickly into
5. A *cable* of confirmed habit impossible to break.

LESSON.—Break the thread and there will be no cable.

### A Little Sermon in Rhyme.

"Are there not twelve hours in the day."—John xi. 9.

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| <p><b>1.</b><br/>The bell tolls one;<br/>Teach me to say,<br/>"Thy will be done."</p> <p><b>2.</b><br/>The bell tolls Two;<br/>Help me each day<br/>Thy will to do.</p> <p><b>3.</b><br/>The bell tolls Three;<br/>I ask, in faith,<br/>To follow Thee.</p> <p><b>4.</b><br/>The bell tolls Four;<br/>I pray for trust<br/>For evermore.</p> <p><b>5.</b><br/>The bell tolls Five;<br/>For Christians speech<br/>Help me to strive.</p> <p><b>6.</b><br/>The bell tolls Six;<br/>Teach me my hope<br/>On Thee to fix.</p> | <p><b>7.</b><br/>The bell tolls Seven;<br/>O make my life<br/>A way to heaven.</p> <p><b>8.</b><br/>The bell tolls Eight;<br/>May I in peace<br/>And patience wait!</p> <p><b>9.</b><br/>The bell tolls Nine;<br/>Let charity<br/>Be ever mine.</p> <p><b>10.</b><br/>The bell tolls Ten;<br/>I pray for love<br/>To God and men.</p> <p><b>11.</b><br/>It tolls Eleven;<br/>Let me each hour<br/>Be nearer heaven</p> <p><b>12.</b><br/>Twelve strokes I hear;<br/>Now perfect love<br/>Hath cast out fear.</p> |
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### Matthew xi. 16-30.

CHILDREN are mentioned twice in this passage. In verse 16, "Children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows;" children playing in the streets (see Zech. viii. 5,) and in their games disagreeing one with another as they do sometimes. Jesus noticed the children of his day, and observed their recreations as He walked among them, and He watches little ones now. He does not censure their playing, but in play would have them kind and forbearing one with another.

Verse 19 speaks of the children of wisdom; so we read of "the children of light" and the children of the day." Read Proverbs viii. 1-6, 32-37. Children should receive Jesus into their hearts, He is "the wisdom of God," then they become the children of wisdom.

### THE BIBLE.

**What it is.**  
Blessed.  
Inheritance.  
Bringing  
Life.  
Everlasting.

**What to do.**  
Buy one.  
Investigate it.  
Believe it.  
Love it.  
Employ it.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.—Acts xvi. 31.

## The Invitation.

"COME UNTO ME."—Matt. vi. 28.



**HAT** kind, sweet words! Jesus says them to you.

"How am I to know?" Well, they are for every one that is heavy laden, or wearied. Do not you know what it is to be weary and tired sometimes? Perhaps you know what it is to feel almost tired of trying to be good—wearied with wishing you could be better. So, you see, it is to you that He says "Come!"

And if you have not yet come, you are heavy laden too, even if you do not feel it; because the burden of sin is heavy enough to sink you down into hell, unless Jesus takes it from you. So it is to you that He says "Come!"

And lest you should think He says it to grown-up people only, He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." Are you a little child? Then it is to you that He says "Come!"

"If He were here, and if I could see Him, I should like to come." He

is here, as really and truly as you are. Suppose your mother and you were in a dark room together, and she said, "Come to me!" you would not stop to say, "I would come if I could see you." You would say, "I am coming mother!" and you would soon feel your way across the room, and be safe by her side. Not seeing her would not make any difference.

Jesus calls you now, this very hour. Now, will you not say, "I am coming Lord Jesus!" and ask Him to stretch out His hand and help you to come, and draw you quite close to Himself?

Yes, to *Himself*, who loved you and gave Himself for you, who has waited so patiently for you, who calls you because He wants you to come and be His own little lamb, and be taken up in

His arms and blessed. Will you keep Him waiting any longer? Will you not "Come?"

"Will you not come to Him for life?

Why will ye die, oh why?

He gave His life for you, for you!

The gift is free, the word is true!

Will ye not come? "Oh why will ye die?"

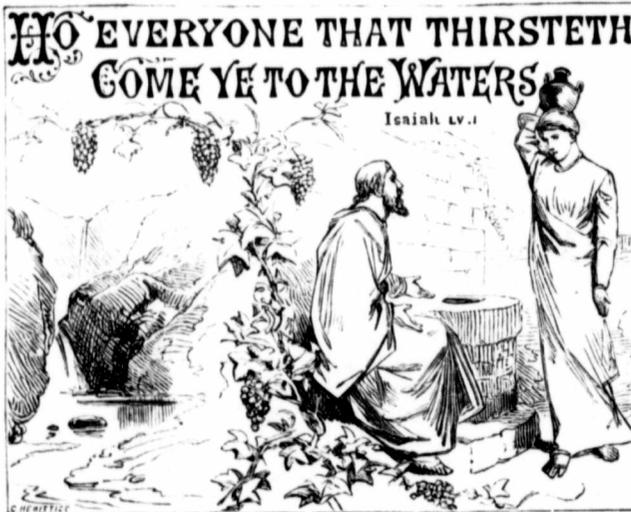
—F. R. Havergal.

## A Little Girl Silencing a Priest.

**A** LITTLE girl was reading her Bible, when a priest entered the room and wanted to know what she was reading. When he knew it was the Bible he said, "I am sorry you are in a Bible school." "Why?" asked the little

girl. "Because they are leading you to perdition," he replied. "The Bible is God's Word," the child said, "and I love it dearly. It tells me all about the love of Jesus, and all he has suffered for me. He loves me too much to send me to perdition for reading His Word. Would a man send his son to prison because he listens to what he said to him?" The priest could not answer, so left

the girl to read her Bible in peace.



## Small Things.

**A** TOMS make worlds. Drops make oceans. Sands make shores. Farthings make fortunes. Units make millions. Moments make ages. Hours make eternity.

Such is the greatness of little things. Do not neglect them. Little words and little deeds, may cause deep, and rich, and lasting blessings. Who will despise small things so long as God clothes the lilies, feeds the ravens, counts the sparrows, and numbers the very hairs of our heads?

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