

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH."



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## Rescue the Perishing.

I SUPPOSE most of our young readers have heard of Grace Darling, the brave girl who lived with her father and mother at Longstone lighthouse. On the 6th of September, 1838, there was a terrible storm, and W. Darling, the lighthouse keeper, knowing well that there would be many wrecks and much sorrow on the sea that dark, tempestuous night, waited anxiously for the day-break, and when at last it came, he went to look out. About a mile away he saw a ship in great distress, but the storm was so awful he had hardly courage to venture through it for their relief. His daughter, Grace, who was watching the wreck through a glass, could no longer bear to see the poor fellows clinging to the pieces of the vessel which remained on the rocks where it had been broken, and make no effort to help them. So she implored her father to launch the life-boat and let her go with him to the rescue. He consented, and father and daughter, she taking the oars while he steered, went pulling away for the wreck; and I can fancy how the poor fellows watched the life boat like a speck on the waters, counting each minute as it neared them, then fearing, as it seemed to be almost lost amid the mountains of hissing and boiling waves, lest it should never come to them at all. But at last they are alongside, the sufferers hesitate not a moment, but

jump for the lifeboat, and so nine precious lives were saved from a watery grave.

Every one sang the praises of brave Grace Darling. A sum of £700 (or about \$3,500) was presented to her as a testimonial, and she was invited to dine with the Duke of Northumberland. She died at the early age of twenty-seven, of consumption.

Now, my young readers cannot all be Grace Dar-

lings, but they can come to the help of the perishing, those that are sinful and weary and ready to die. They can all do something, by working, by little efforts of self-denial, and by praying for those who are in danger of being lost; and then, one day they will hear those wonderful words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." A testimonial worth having indeed!



## Tell the Truth.

"WILLIE, why were you gone so long for the water?" asked a teacher of a little boy

"We spilled it, and had to go back and fill the bucket again," was the prompt reply; but the bright noble face was a shade less bright, less noble than usual, and the eyes dropped beneath the teacher's gaze.

The teacher crossed the room and stood by another who had been Willie's companion.

"Freddy, were you not gone for the water longer than was necessary?" For an instant Freddy's eyes

## Now is Christ risen from the dead.—1 Cor. xv. 20.

were fixed on the floor, and his face wore a troubled look. But it was only for an instant—he looked frankly up to the teacher's face.

"Yes, ma'am," he bravely answered; "we met little Harry Braden and stopped to play with him, and then we spilled the water and had to go back."

Little friends, what was the difference in the answers of the two boys? Neither of them told anything that was not strictly true. Which one of them do you think the teacher trusted more fully after that? And which was the happier of the two?

### The Lion, yet The Lamb.

The Lion of the tribe of Judah . . . a Lamb as it had been slain"—Rev. 5 : 5, 6.



In these verses we have two very different animals mentioned. The noble lion is the strong, majestic, fierce king of the forest; the humble lamb is the tenderest, most submissive, and kindest of creatures. But both names are given to Christ, as showing different sides of His character.

He is the Lion of Judah—the Mighty Conqueror, who can sweep before Him all His foes. In presence of sin and hypocrisy He burns with righteous indignation. If you would see how fierce He can be, read for example the 23rd of Matthew—"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . Ye fools and blind. . . Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

But he is also a Lamb. In that same chapter, how tenderly He weeps over lost Jerusalem! How gentle He is! "He is led as a Lamb to the slaughter." How pure and innocent he is! "A Lamb without blemish and without spot." And how precious He is! He is "the Lamb of God." What does that name tell us? It reminds us of God's fondness for Him. Your father loves you, and says to you, "My lamb;" and that is what God the Father says of the well-beloved Son. But it also tells us that Jesus is the Lamb of sacrifice which God provided and accepted for our sin. God has provided Himself a Lamb, as Abraham said He would, to take away the sin of the world.

And now, children, do you know what is the most terrible thing in the Bible? It is "*the wrath of the Lamb*" (Rev. 6 : 16). I pray that you may not encounter it. You never shall, if you can sing from the heart, as you have often sung in words—

"I leave my sins with Jesus,  
That spotless Lamb of God."

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.—Rev. 5 : 12.

### "Something for Thee."

I WANT you to read the following little story, which I read myself only last night:—

One day a gentleman was travelling by rail in America, when "a lady came in at a station, accompanied by her little daughter, aged about seven years, who took the seat directly in front of him.

"The little girl held in her hand a basket, into which, after lifting the cover carefully, she occasionally peeped. This was done with a smiling face and a cheerful word, as if she recognized a friend inside. My friend stretched his neck and looked over the back of the seat, wondering what the child had in the basket. He also peered through the open lid.

"He asked, 'What have you there, my little girl?'

"Oh, this is my little kitty.'

"What will you take for your kitty?'

"Oh, I would not sell kitty for anything.'

"I will give you a dollar for your kitten.'

"No, I will not sell kitty for any money you can give me.'

"What is your name?' asked my friend.

"My name is Minnie, and my kitty's name is Rosy.'

"Do you go to Sunday-school, Minnie?'

"Oh, yes, indeed.'

"Do you love Jesus, Minnie?'

"Yes, indeed, I do.'

"She then looked my friend full in the face and asked, 'Do you love Jesus, sir?'

"Certainly I do. I have loved Him and worked for Him many a year.'

"Little Minnie looked down thoughtfully for a few moments. Suddenly she lifted her basket over the back of her seat, and said, 'You may have Rosy for nothing, because you love Jesus.'

Do you love Jesus, little reader? Did I hear you say a quiet "Yes?" Well, I am very glad you do; and I am quite certain that you often and often long to show your love to Him just as little Minnie did when she was willing even to part with her dear "Rosy" to one of His servants.

I do not think that the missionaries would like you to send your kittens, but I want you to think of ten little friends of yours whose help I am certain will be received heartily.

Ten friends, you say! Why, I am sure I haven't got nearly so many as that.

Oh, but you have. Just think a moment

My ten fingers?

Exactly! Have you ever thought of giving them to the Lord Jesus?—*Medical Missions at Home and Abroad.*

**A BLIND MISSIONARY.**—A poor blind man, recently baptized in Japan, is now telling Gospel stories instead of the foolish stories he was wont as a beggar to repeat. In this way he is reaching many who never hear the regular missionaries.

## Burning, yet not Burned.

WE read in Exodus 2: 11 to 14, that Moses found an Egyptian cruelly treating a Hebrew, and in taking the part of the Israelite, he killed the Egyptian; then, lest the king should kill him, he fled from Egypt to Midian, where he sometime after married the daughter of Jethro. He kept the flocks of his father-in-law, and lived there very quietly for about forty years.

One day, Moses left the sheep for a little while, to look at something very strange and very bright. It was a fire: a bush in the field was burning—it kept on burning. The angel of the Lord, or God Himself, was in the flames of fire in that bush; but Moses knew it not. Moses said to himself, I will go close to this bush on fire, and see why it is not burnt; why the branches and leaves are not all destroyed; why the fire does not go out.

As he went near to it, a voice came out of the fire, which said, "Moses, Moses!" and he answered, "Here am I." He was told to take his shoes from off his feet, for the ground was holy—God was there. No wonder that Moses hid his face and was afraid. God told him He would send him back to Egypt to deliver the Israelites. Moses was afraid to go, but God promised to go with him and help him; and then all his fears were gone. Remember, dear children, that just as God was with Moses so will He be with you, and will bless you so long as you are doing His commands.

## The Young Child.

"The Young Child and His Mother."—Matt. 2: 14.

THE Young Child!" So He is called at least nine times in this chapter. The name teaches us—

1. That Jesus *began life at the very beginning*. He did not come into the world at first endowed with the powers of manhood. In that case there might be a great gulf between you and Him. But He came a helpless babe, requiring to have everything done for Him. Mary had to put Him in His baby dress, and to feed Him at her breast; and Joseph had to snatch

Him away to Egypt, in order to save Him from the wicked king who sought the young Child's life. He needed food, clothing, protection, training—just like any other child. Thus,

2. Jesus *understands you*. He can enter into all your feelings and knows your ways. He was sinless indeed. But He lived and grew among little boys and girls like you, and He knew their temptations, their troubles, their difficulties, as well as their joys: and He can feel for them. He is not a Saviour only for grown up people; but he is a Saviour—a Friend—a Brother—to the "young children." And you, on your part, are to remember, that

3. You may copy Jesus, and *begin to copy Him now*. You are not to wait till you are bigger, and say, "Ah, when I am a grown man or woman, then I'll try and be like Christ; then I'll love God, and go about continually doing good." No, no; begin now! The Young Child Jesus "hallowed childhood by passing through it," that your childhood might be holy. "He grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him." That is *His* childhood. And when He grew a little older, He did not, as boys sometimes are apt to do, try to throw off his parents' authority. Even after exciting the



wonder of the doctors in the temple, He went down to Nazareth with His parents, and was subject to them. "And He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

Now, that is in the Bible just for you. Some of us are past childhood and youth: and our opportunity for being like Christ in these is over, leaving the record of our failures in the great book of God's remembrance. We may long to bring lost opportunity back, but cannot. An eminent servant of Christ, whose youth was spent in folly, used to sigh, "O Lord, too late I loved Thee." But youth is still yours. Yield yourselves to God. Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May it be yours to increase in wisdom, as well as in stature, with the years, and ever to grow in favour with God and all good men. And may He give you at length the full enjoyment of that ripe, yet never old and never ending life which the saints have with Him in glory. Amen.



## Notes on the S. S. Lessons.

### Thomas Convinced.

John 20 : 19-31.

**J**ESUS AND TEN APOSTLES.—It was the evening of the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. Already he had shown himself four times. The disciples were gathered together, with locked doors for fear of the Jews. They were talking of the wonderful news that the Master who was crucified and laid in the tomb had risen from the dead. Two other disciples came in from Emmaus, saying that the Lord had walked and talked with them. These two are told that Simon had seen the risen Lord (Luke 24 : 30-34.) While they were thus talking Jesus came and stood in their midst. At first they were terrified. He gave them the salutation of peace, and showed them his pierced hands and feet. He was not a disembodied spirit, but had his own body. Fear was turned into gladness. Jesus breathed on them and bestowed the Holy Ghost. They could now declare the forgiveness of sins, through the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whoever accepts Christ will be forgiven; those who do not accept Him must bear their sins.

**JESUS AND THOMAS.**—Judas had hung himself and was dead. Of the eleven apostles left, ten were at that meeting when Jesus appeared. Thomas, called Didymus or the "the twin," was absent. When the others told him that they had seen the Lord, he said that he would not believe it until he had put his finger into the nail prints, and thrust his hand into the wound made by the spear in his Master's side. A week passed. Again it was Sunday evening, and the disciples were together. Thomas was there. The doors were shut. Jesus came. He told Thomas to make the test he had proposed. Thomas was convinced. He called Jesus his Lord and his God. Jesus said those were blessed who believed without seeing. Have you believed? John says that Jesus did many other things which are not written in his Gospel. Enough is written to show that Jesus is the Saviour. Believing in Him we have life. Have you life in Jesus?

### Peter Restored.

John 21 : 4-13.

**F**ED BY JESUS.—At daybreak the fishermen saw a man standing on the beach. They did not know him. He called out to know if they had anything to eat. (See Revised Version.) They

answered, no. He told them to cast their net on the right side of the ship. They obeyed, and so many fishes filled the net that they could not draw it in. John said to Peter, "It is the Lord." Peter, who had been fishing with only his under-garment on, put on his coat, and threw himself into the sea to go to Jesus. The other disciples came to land in the little boat, dragging the net full of fishes. On the shore they saw a fire of coals with fish on them, and bread. Jesus told them to bring some of the fish they had just caught. Peter went and drew the net to land. They counted the fishes, and found one hundred and fifty-three large ones. Jesus told them to come to breakfast. The disciples knew it was the Lord who was thus directing them. He gave them the bread and fish. This was the third time Jesus had shown

himself to the disciples when together. (The other times were on those two Sunday evenings in Jerusalem.)

**FEEDING JESUS' SHEEP.**—After they had breakfasted, Jesus three times asked Peter if he loved him, and three times told him to take care of his sheep. Thus, in the presence of the apostles, Peter was restored to Christ's favor, and directed what work to do for the Master. Then Jesus indicated what would come upon Peter. In his youth he had girded himself and walked where he would; but the time was coming when another should gird him, and lead him where he did not wish. (Peter's hands would be stretched out upon the cross; he was to die by crucifixion as his Master had done; but tradition says

that Peter was crucified with his head downward.)

### The Only Begotten.

"He gave His Only Begotten."—John 3 : 16.

**I**F you have only *one* of anything, dear children, you know how much you prize it. If you only had one piece of money, you would be loth to part with it; and you remember the man with the one ewe lamb, how sorry he was to give it up. But God gave up for sinners a priceless treasure which money could never buy. He gave for them a Lamb who was His only one—His only begotten Son. Should it not melt the hardest heart to think—"God had only one Son, His well-beloved, and He gave Him up to die for me!" There is a word in this verse so short and simple that the youngest of you have already learned it; but here it has a meaning which the oldest of us can never fathom. It is the little word "so."

