

THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Poetry.

UNFINISHED LIFE.

O, dost Thou call for me!
Master, it is the middle of the day;
I hoped to spend the latest twilight ray
In happy toil for Thee.

I long to labor on,—
Patient to bear the burden and the heat,
And find the evening shadows cool and sweet
When all my work is done.

Then, hear Thy welcome word,
"Come, faithful servant, to thy promised rest!"
My work "well done," the harvest richly bies,
How perfect!—

This for the tried and true,
But, Master, how am I for glory meet?
My work is yet unfinished at the feet
Thou gavest me to do.

How little fruit appears!—
Yet I have ever loved to do Thy will—

The precious seed to sow, the soil to till,
And moisten with my tears.

Weary am I so soon?

O no, my spirit still is brave and fresh;

Dear Lord, it is the weakness of the flesh

That fainteth in the noon.

My harvest who shall reap?
The vineyard still to keep.

I know thy tireless zeal,
How thou hast wrought in sunshine and in rain,

And needed not the weariness and pain
For love that thou didst feel.

And thy reward is sure;

What servant shall be even at his Lord?

"Tis finished," was a dying cry once heard;

It rose to heaven—alone!

O faithful unto death!

A crown of life is ready for the brow,

And joys thou hast no power to picture now

Await thy passing breath!

My Saviour! break the chain!

Amazing love, that sets my spirit free,

And makes my broken life complete in Thee.

Come quickly, Lord! Amen.

Miscellaneous.

LITTLE TALES FOR LITTLE READERS.

A happy new year to you, boys and girls."

Oh, what fun it was for those children who had an uncle to spend New Year's-day with them! When they awoke in the morning and tried to put on their shoes and stockings they were full of presents. They began to wonder how it happened, and called out, "Uncle, do you know who brought us such lots of good things in the night?"

And he said, "Oh, it was a fairy no doubt." But they guessed that he was the best fairy they would ever know.

"A happy new year to you, boys and girls, and I will tell you how you can make it so. Each of you make up your minds and ask God to help you that, on every day you may do some good, if it be only a little. We are sure to be happy ourselves if we make others so, and if you think of this each day, you will tell me next New Year's-day that the past has been the most happy you have ever had."

"That is almost like one of uncle's lectures," said Tom; "but let me try. Boys can't do as much as men, and girls are not clever and good like women; but if we can only do a little it is better than nothing."

So they agreed to try and not let the year pass without doing as much good as they could.

That very day Tom gave his money up to a poor old man who was cold and hungry, and had no warm house to go to. Harry forgave a boy who struck him, and did not even call him a bad name in return. Mary gave up her game at play to help mamma rock the baby to sleep. And little Nell did not cry when Tom broke her doll's arm by accident.

At night their uncle asked them if they had done anything toward a happy new year, and they told him of these things; and he praised them, and told them to try again.

I can't tell you of all the good things these children did, but I think you would like to know of one or two.

There was a blind woman who lived next door. It was a great many years since she went to school and used to say texts of Scripture to her teachers; but still she remembered them and love to think and talk of them even now. Harry thought if he could make her a little happier it would be a good thing; so he used to go in and read to her every day from the Bible or some good book. And it so cheered her that she forgot to be sorry for her blindness, and used to think of the time when God would open her eyes and make her see in heaven. And Harry did not grow tired of this. Every night he felt glad that he had left his play for a few minutes to read.

And Mary also did good thing. She was the peacemaker of the family. And I can tell you she had enough to do. For boys have a sad habit of quarreling with one another, and Mary loved to make them leave off saying unkind things, and be quiet and forgive one another. Once when she was out at a party she found two boys actually fighting. She scarcely knew what to say to them, but she went and stood between them, and begged them to remember how wicked they were, until the boys were quite ashamed to fight, and made it up at once.

And I must not forget to tell you what Tom did. For one thing, he tried very hard to be the first and best boy in school, and that was a very good thing. But, besides that, he always helped the little boys and those who were not as forward as himself. If there was a hard sum to do, Tom was the boy to apply to. And though he never did another boy's work for him (which would have been wrong), he was always a very kind and patient in trying to explain all the hard parts, and teaching them the easy rules.

And, of course, little Nell was not behind the others. She was a good little girl to help her brothers whenever she could, and she quite lets off crying when they happened to hurt her. Besides that she used to take things to poor Jane Short, who lived over the way, and was a cripple. I don't think Nell was ever happier than one day when she took her a little doll, which she had bought with her own money, and dressed with her own eager fingers. Jane was never tired of looking at that doll, and yet she did not love it more than Nell did; for it is true what the Bible says, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Every night the children came home and told one another what they had done. One night Tom confessed that he could not remember doing any good at all; so they told him he had better find something.

And he thought and thought, and at last he said, "Ah, I know. I will give the sixpence which was given to me to-day to the missionary-box."

He did not say this, but he did say it in his heart.

So you see they made it a rule never to go to bed without doing a little good, and so every day was a happy one.

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HONESTY; A TRUE STORY.

DEAR CHILDREN.—Piercing was the wind, one winter's morning last year, for snow had fallen in the night, covering the doorsteps and pavement with countless flakes. A gentleman was leaving his house, when a little urchin in ragged garb stepped forward, broom in hand, and eagerly asked permission to sweep away the snow.

"You are a very little sweeper," said the gentleman; "do you think you can manage such work this cold morning?"

"Fry me, sir, do try me," said the boy.

"Very well," replied the gentleman, kindly. "Work away; and after you have finished you shall have some money and your breakfast."

"O, thank you, sir!" almost gasped the little sweeper.

And in a very short time the doorsteps had lost their white carpet, while a broad pathway had been cleared on the pavement leading from the house. The laughing eyes of several youngsters watched the little fellow from the windows; and sooner was his busy work completed than he was admitted to a warm kitchen, where, seated near a blazing fire, he did ample justice to his breakfast.

The pleasure of giving food to the hungry was abundantly realized in that happy home that morning, and after our little friend had finished his meal, he was brought up-stairs to talk to the lady. Nor did he leave before he had received a silver coin of his "very own," while below his arm was hanging a precious bundle, which contained an entire suit of clothes.

"Fortunate sweater!" you are saying. Yes, dear children: but his story was a sad one. He had no mother to care for him, and his father was sick, while they lived in a miserable room in the Old Town.

Beggars sometimes tell us such tales, and we fear they are not true; but there was an apparent sincerity in the boy's words which interested his listeners greatly. And as he ran briskly from the door, the children hoped that they might see the nice little boy again. The morning hours passed away, and the bright rays of the mid-day sun were melting the snow in the garden and on the trees; but the ice on the lochs was still frozen, and the anticipated pleasure of a day's skating was great. One o'clock struck, and a loud ring came to the door-bell, while a servant entered the drawing room to say that the boy who was there in the morning had returned, and "wished to see the lady."

"What can it be, mamma?" exclaimed more than one eager voice.

"We shall hear presently," she replies, as she has down stairs.

There stood the little sweeper, dressed in comfortable clothing, his face washed, and the uncrombed locks which formerly stood on end, reminding one of the old pictures of Giant Desper in the "Pilgrim's Progress," were now beautifully brushed, and quite smooth. Altogether, the change in his appearance was marvellous.

"Well, my little fellow, have you come to show us your new clothes?" said his benefactor.

"No, ma'am," he replied. "I like you to see them, and the little gentleman who gave them to me; but it was not for that I came."

He then produced a pretty ivory tablet and pencil-case, saying: "Them things was in the pocket of the jacket, ma'am; but you see fathers taught me out of the good book that it is wrong to keep what does not belong to me; so I have brought them back."

"O, how stupid of me to leave my nice present in the pocket, mamma," said the little donor, in a loud whisper. "But is not that an honest boy?"

Yes, dear children, the little sweeper acted honestly. He did what was right, and we may learn a bright lesson from the earnest heed which he gave to God's blessed word. You may be sure that the kind lady approved of his conduct, and encouraged him to continue in the study of the Bible, telling him that there he would find stories of Samuel and Timothy—those holy children who, in boyhood's years, were ever listening to the heavenly Father's voice.—Children's Hour.

RECREATION AND RENOVATION.

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