

NOW.

"There is a good time coming, boys!"
So runs the hopeful song;
Such is the poetry of youth
When life and hope are strong;
But when these buoyant days are passed
Age cries: "How changed are men!
Things were not so when I was young;
The best of times was then."

"There is a good time coming, boys!"
The truth we will allow;
But, waiting not for lighter days,
There is a good time now.
Why not improve the present, then,
Where'er the future lead,
And let each passing moment's page
Bear proof of thought and deed?

"There is a good time coming, boys!"
And many a one has passed,
For each has had its own good time,
And will have to the last.
Then, do thy work while lingers youth
With freshness on its brow,
Still mindful of life's greatest truth—
The best of times is now!

—Selected.

A Lost Chance.

I know a dear boy who is sweet and good and generous most of the time, but sometimes he gets into a bad way, like most people. Every thing gets wrong at such times, but most wrong of all is the dear little heart.

One day, not long ago, a dirty-faced, ragged, ugly little fellow came up the back walk and asked, "Can I haul out the ashes?"

Henry—that is not his real name, but I shall not tell that—Henry was standing in the back-yard, in a bad humor.

"No," he snapped out as cross as could be.

"Don't want them taken out."

The dirty-faced little ash-boy stood still a moment, almost afraid to say another word to such an ill-natured child; but finally he ventured timidly: "Say, would you please give me a drink?"

"No, I won't," said the cross Henry, with an angry frown.

The little ash-boy climbed over the fence, thinking, no doubt, "What a funny boy, not to give a fellow even a drink of water?"

And Henry's conscience within began to speak sadly to him: "Such a little thing, Henry, so easy to do. Such a poor little ragged fellow gets little enough in this world. What a chance to do a bit of good!"

And then there arose in his mind the words of his teacher the Sunday before as she talked of the beauty of doing little acts of kindness for those we meet every day, and how she had held up a glass of water, and repeated, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

"And I didn't do it," said Henry.

Then he went into the house and told his other conscience, which was his mother. She looked down at him with such sad, disappointed eyes, and just said:

"Why, Henry?"

Then Henry felt so miserable he could not do anything. So he went out on the front steps and watched ash-carts all the rest of the afternoon. But there was no dirty-faced little boy thirsting for a cup of cold water passed that way.

His mother came to the door presently, and said:

"He's got a drink by this time," for she knew what Henry was watching for.

"Some one else gave it to him, then," said Henry.

"And received what you lost, the blessing of a kind act," said his mother.—*Sunday School Times.*

Olive's Impulse.

"I wonder who will wear this," said Olive Eustice, as she took the last stitch in a dark woollen dress. "It looks real pretty and comfortable, even if it is plain, and I've enjoyed making it so much. I should really like to know who will get it."

"Why don't you put a note in it?" asked Cora Deane, laughingly.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle was sewing for a mission box to be sent to a friend who was teaching in a large school in the West, where the pupils were nearly all destitute of many of the necessities of life, to say nothing of its comforts. Olive looked up at Cora's suggestion.

"Thank you for the thought. I suppose you will laugh at me," she said, "but I feel a 'moving,' as Aunt Harriet says, to do as you suggest."

"Indeed we won't laugh. I think it would be ever so nice for you to do it. There are pencil and paper on the table."

Olive wrote a few lines, slipped the

note in the dress pocket, and folded it for the box.

"I might as well give up first as last," said Ruth Crosby; "everything goes against me. It took all I earned this summer to pay the doctor's bill, and now the cow has died. I shall have to give father the money I had saved for my dress, to get another cow, and I can't come back to school without a dress. It does seem too hard. I meant to be something and help the rest, but there isn't any use. I do want to come back so much this fall!"

"I think you can, my dear," said Miss Preston. "You can pay your way in school, and I know where you can work for your board."

"But, Miss Preston, I haven't a dress fit to wear away from home," said Ruth.

"My friends in the East have sent me quite a box of clothing to give away; there are several things that will be just right for you, I am sure—a gray woollen dress for one thing. Cannot you thank God and take courage now?"

"I don't know," answered Ruth, sadly. "I am thoroughly discouraged; it seems to me that there is nothing but trouble and disappointment for me. I wonder how it would seem not to be so awfully poor."

The gray dress proved to be just right, but Ruth looked at it dubiously.

"I don't believe I shall ever dare to wear it," she said, "it is so nice."

It was not until she had reached home that she put her hand in the pocket and found Olive's note. It was only a few lines.

"Dear unknown friend," it read, "something impels me to send you my verse, as I call it. It has been such a source of help and comfort to me, perhaps it may be to you. This is it: 'He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?'"

"I have lost all my dearest ones. I am the only one left of my family, and oh, I am so lonely! But I just cling to that verse. It seemed hard and unjust to me at first, but since I learned these words I feel differently. If He loved me enough to let His Son die that cruel death for me, He surely would not deny me any earthly happiness, unless there was some wise, good reason. I know I can trust His love after that proof. Are you ever tempted to doubt it? Just cling to my verse if you are, won't you?"

I don't know how many times Ruth read that note, but as she read the hard look in her face softened. Was it possible that there was a wise, loving reason for all her hardships and disappointments? She had almost felt that her lot was harder than any one's else; but here was this girl left desolate. After all, poverty was by no means the greatest hardship; she remembered how she had thought in the summer's sickness that if God would only spare her dear mother to them she would never murmur again. And yet how bitterly she had complained about the death of the cow. Oh, she was ashamed to think of it!

"I am going to write to her," she said, two or three weeks after, "and tell her how her verse has helped me, and thank her for sending it."

So it came to pass that the two girls so widely separated came to correspond, and Olive knew all about the loss of the cow, and how Ruth longed to educate Teddy, who was so bright. And then came books, papers and magazines to the lowly Western home, which were perfect treasures to the recipients.

And then finally came the request that Olive might be allowed to educate Teddy. "My brother wanted to be a minister if he had lived," wrote Olive; "may I not educate Teddy in his place?"

"I wish," Ruth wrote back, "that I could put a monument over that cow's last resting-place. If she had not died just when she did I should not have needed the gray dress, and so should not have received your dear little note. I think, no matter how long I live or what comes to me, I shall never doubt again like that, and every night of my life I thank God for putting it into your heart to write those kind words to me."—*American Messenger.*

A Country Boy Who Goes To A Great City.

When a boy starts out from his country home to try his fortune in a great city, he needs most of all a good stock of principles with him. He must brace up his courage as if he were going into battle; for he is sure to have a fight of it, and he will need all his moral fortitude to stand out against the temptations which will wreck his career beyond peradventure if he yields to them. What he seeks he can not get except in the fierce competition which results from the

struggle of many thousand to obtain the same prize. If he slips, there are multitudes around him to take advantage of his mischance and to leave him far behind in the chase. He must keep himself always in training, both moral and physical, and waste none of his resources. He will require every bit of his energy, and every atom of principle there is in him will be put to the test. He must be prepared to help himself; for he will get very little help from anybody else.

The first thing for a boy coming to a great city to do is to take pains to start with right associations. In every such town there are innumerable circles of society. The community is too large for everybody to know each other, and therefore it divides up into many circles of common acquaintances, and in each of these members are as well known to one another as are the inhabitants of a village. They are good and bad—evil influences are injurious to their tone and spirit, or salutary and helpful.

Where, then, shall the country boy go for society? The best place is to a church. In these days a city church is the center of many social, no less than religious activities. It is a life of industry in which men and women engage, so that something is going on ceaselessly, something to interest and to give scope for the ability of a young fellow, and to satisfy his social instincts and demands. It is a community in itself, and nobody can belong to it for any considerable length of time, and exhibit sympathy with its ambitions and projects, without fitting into some place where he can display his capacities and win due consideration because of them. He will make friends, and useful friends. He will have the social life and the social surroundings necessary for him. He should go to church from the first, and regularly, make himself known to the pastor, and then, without putting himself forward, take a hand in all the undertakings of the parish. If he is patient, the reward will come.—*Canada Presbyterian.*

Let the Girls Romp.

Most mothers have a dread of romps so they lecture the girls daily on the proprieties, and exhort them to be little ladies. They like to see them very quiet and gentle and as prim as possible. The lot of such children is rather pitiable, for they are deprived of the fun and frolic which they are entitled to. Children—boys and girls—must have exercise to keep them healthy. Deprive them of it, and they will fade away like flowers without sunshine. Running, racing, skipping, climbing—these are the things that strengthen the muscles, expand the chest, and build up the nerves. The mild dose of exercise taken in the nursery, with calisthenics or gymnastics, will not invigorate the system like a good romp in the open air. Mothers, therefore, who counsel their little girls to play very quietly make a mistake. Better the laughing, rosy-cheeked, romping girl than the pale, lily-faced one who is called every inch a lady. The latter rarely breaks things or tears her dresses or tires her mother's patience as the former does; but, after all, what do the tearing and breaking amount to? It is not a wise policy to put an old head on young shoulders. Childhood is the time for childish pranks and plays. The girls will grow into womanhood soon enough. Let them be children as long as possible, and also give them plenty of fresh air and sunlight.—*Peterson's Magazine.*

Home Hints.

TURKEY SOUP.—Cover the skeleton of the turkey and what remains of the dressing and gravy with cold water and simmer gently three or four hours. When cold skim off the fat, strain the liquor, add to it all bits of meat from the turkey, thicken with flour, season suitably and serve.

CRANBERRY SAUCE.—Pick over the cranberries carefully, put them in an earthen, porcelain-lined or granite ware dish, cover with water, and stew till very well done. Have sugar to sweeten them, heated hissing hot in the oven, and add it to the cranberries when they are done. Boil a few minutes and remove from the fire.

Eat all cold food slowly. Digestion will not begin till the temperature of the food has been raised by the heat of the stomach to ninety-eight degrees. Hence the more heat that can be imparted to it by slow mastication the better. The precipitation of a large quantity of cold in the stomach by fast eating may and of en does, cause discomfort and indigestion, and every occasion of this kind results in a measurable injury to the digestive functions. Ice water drunk with cold food increases the mischief. Hot drinks, will, on the contrary, help to prevent it. But eat slowly, any way. *Hall's Journal of Health.*

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