

...red handkerchief swathing his very keen eyes behind his iron bowed legs, and a cane with a crooked head...

LET IT PASS. Be not swift to take offense; Let it pass— Anger is a foe to sense, Let it pass.

MY EMPTY BASKET. BY REV. R. W. WALLACE.

I had counted on doing some berrying during vacation. So I provided myself with a good sized basket, and started out one warm afternoon.

FULL, YET ROOM ENOUGH.

Mamma," said six-year-old Fred, "I love you and God both, so I'll choose you."

THE PRAYER-MEETING BY THE RIVER.

In the sixteenth chapter of Acts we have an interesting account of the formation of a Christian Church in Philippi.

"Come over and help us." From this they gathered that it was their duty to go there and preach the gospel, and to Philippi they went.

But Paul is not a man who can be long idle. He hears of "a female prayer-meeting," and resolves to attend it.

Brethren in Christ, be not discouraged. A prayer-meeting may be a small thing in the eyes of the world, but it is a great thing in the eyes of God.

The world may frown and Satan rage When Christians meet for prayer; But God has faithfully engaged To be among them there.

And he will keep his promise. He never fails in an appointment.

HOW A LITTLE BOY CAMPED OUT.

Once there was a little boy who all summer long had been very anxious to camp out over night. Behind his mother's house was a large garden—as large as a whole city block.

Years ago, I was at a Methodist conference in a Western city as a reporter. The young men who were about to be ordained were telling their experiences and their hopes before an immense and interested assembly.

But it was so dreadfully still! Not even the smallest baby-breeze was stirring; through a hole in the crumb cloth shone a star, and the star made outdoors seem stiller yet.

"Were you lonesome, dear?" and Paul whispered back "Kind of lonesome,—and I heard something, swallowing, very close to my head. And so I came in. And you won't tell, will you, mamma?"

Faithful mamma didn't "tell,"—not until long afterward, when Paul had grown to be so old and so big that he went "truly camping" far away to the Rocky Mountains.

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