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TWO HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS.

Two pumpkins shone their yellow heads,
And under, a lantern "Jack,"
With which many pumpkin plays.

When the time came for the choice
Each pumpkin shone with fear.
Whenever any one passed by
Who came to see them?

At length the frightened ones gave up;
The pumpkins disappeared,
Seized from the vine where they so long
Had trembled, feared.

When at last these yellow pumpkins
Once more the other known,
So different was the style of dress.
Presented to the view,

The Jack-o'-lantern grinned and said:

"I'm very glad you can chide."

A picture of me to me—

"Your heart, face, hands, feet all gold;
While mine, alas, is dead!
They wanted naught of me, it seems;
But this, my grinning head."

A PSALM OF PRAYER.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord is God; He is the Lord that hath made us, and not we ourselves, even we His people, and the earth.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.

THE DOLLS' HALLOWEEN PARTY.

The dolls that belonged to Rhoda Eastman, always had such pleasant play. It may have been because their little home was in a lonely place where there were so few children that these dolls had much to play with, and companions who shared all her games and imaginations.

Their birthdays were celebrated with tea-parties, where cake and candy tasted all the better for being real; on Christmas eve their stockings hung a limp row until morning, when they were round and stodgy with delicate raisins and nuts.

They started with wide-eyed wonder at the little fire-trees that Rhoda brought from the snow-ming woods and brightened with cranberries and popcorn; they sent valentines to each other regularly, and with the greatest secrecy! on the Fourth of July Rhoda helped them to paint tom-toms; and they soon danced around a May-pole, and crowned Ann Morris's ears with yellow dandelions.

But never before had Rhoda planned for them a Halloween party. Every year she had seen her brother carve pumpkins into faces that smiled cheerfully enough in the daytime, and wore such an unpleasant grin at night. She had watched the older people eat eggs full of salt, and walk down-stairs haggard; but Halloween had always seemed to her a grown folks' game, not one that she and all her little children would like to play!

One day in late autumn, as she was sitting under the trees with her small family around her, weaving crowns of crimson leaves, she longed to have them in some game. A sharp wind tugged the branches, and flung showers of ripe, brown horned-chestnuts at the little girl's feet, knocking off Josephine's bonnet, and twitching Ralph Huxtry's cap on one side.

"Horrid things!" Rhoda cried, clacking at them. "I wonder what they're made for, anyway. Uncle Ben carries one in his pocket for the rheumatism, but he has it just the same; and they aren't a bit good to eat. Don't be frightened, dears. They're nothing but old horse-chestnuts, though I suppose they seem as big to you as pumpkins. And so are they. Why, I've been a long time at the pleasure of her thought, and we are some now! I suppose it's just for fun, and we'll all have a Halloween party."

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"The most original book in the world is the Bible," wrote R. W. Emerson.

"The elevation of this book," he says, "may be measured by observing how certainly all elevation of thought clothes itself in the words and forms of that book. . . . People imagine that the place which the Bible occupies in the world is over to miracles. This it is simply, to the fact that it came out of a profounder depth of thought than any other book."

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TESTIMONIES TO THE BIBLE.

The hundred best books, the hundred best poems, the hundred greatest stories of all ages and in all the Bible, and all derived from it," writes Dean Farrar, in his volume, "The Bible, its Meaning and Significance." He supports the affirmation by citing the music of Handel and Mendelssohn, the Pictures of Fra Angelico and Raphael, the poetry of Dante and Milton, and the brightest and best of English verse from the poems of Chaucer to those of Tennyson.

The Bible has done much more than inspire all that is best and greatest in literature and art; it has inspired, also, the career of the best of men—Vincent de Paul, John Howard, William Wilberforce and Lord Shaftesbury, who "raised strong arm of almighty heaven a little finger at a time."

All soul and conditions of man have written of the love and power of the Holy Scriptures. The old, wailing people, Heinrich Heine, a Jew, half German, half French, took up the Bible into hand to dissipate his sorrows: "What a book!" he exclaimed, after reading it for hours.

"With wisdom, birth and death, people and fulfillment, the whole drama of humanity, are all in this book."

This explanation was not a spasm of exhaustion. When dying on his matress-coffin, where he had passed years of agony, and had become a changed man, Heine wrote:

"I attribute my enlightenment entirely and simply to the reading of a book. Of a book? Yes, and it is an old, homely book, which I have read to death, the old mother who reads it to her dear, trembling lips, and this book is the Book, the Bible. Who has lost his God can find Him again in this book, and he who has never known Him is here struck by the fire of the Divine Word."

Professor Huxley, the eminent man of science, who invented the word "agnosticism" and accepted for himself the name of "agnostic," testifies that the Bible is the best source of the highest education of children.

"Consider the great historical fact," he wrote, "that for three centuries this book has woven into the life of all that is best and noblest in English history; that it has given the nation a common religion and is now to noble and simple from John O'Groats to Land's End; and that it forbids the veriest hind who never left his village to ignorant of the existence of other countries and other civilizations, and of a great past, stretching back to the farthest limits of the oldest nations in the world."

"By the study of what other book could children be so much humanized, and made to feel that each figure in that vast historical procession fills, like themselves, but a tiny space in the interval between two sterntimes, and bears the blessings or blights of all times, according to his efforts to do good and harm, even as they are also earning their payment for their work?"

"The Bible has been the Magna Charta of the poor and of the oppressed; . . . nowhere is the fundamental truth, that the welfare of the state in the long run depends on the welfare of the citizen, so strongly laid down."

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As Though a Million Spark Were Flying Out of Your Eyes?

Horrific Sickness of Your Stomach?

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