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"Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of
the Lord."—PSALM XXXIV. 11



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M. W.

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