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INTRODUCTION.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES,

You have often asked me to tell you Stories on Sunday Afternoons, about real people.

Sometimes I have wanted to read my own books at those pleasant quiet times; and have wished that you could be reading to yourselves, instead of listening to me. But you have often said, that the books which tell of the real people who lived long, long ago, and were called Jews, and who once had the Land where JESUS CHRIST was

born,—had such long puzzling words in them, that you could not read fast enough to enjoy the story.

Now here are the very Stories I have told you; and a great many more.

I have written them down, and had them printed, so that you can read them easily, almost in the very same words you have heard me use.

I found them all, except a few at the end, in the great Book that you have seen us take more care of than any other in the house; the Book that you have heard read aloud at public service, slowly and clearly, that everybody might hear and attend. Grown-up people have to listen to the words

of that Book, and to try to obey them, as well as children. You know that I mean the Bible.

We have most to do, now, with that part of the Bible called the New Testament, which tells us of JESUS CHRIST; and how he came to tell us the will of "his God and our God, his Father, and our Father," "in Heaven." He is our Master and Leader, as you very well know.

But the stories in this little book, are taken out of the Old Testament; and tell of the people that lived long, long before our LORD JESUS CHRIST was born.

Now if you turn to the first story, you will see what happened at the "very begin-

ning," as you call it; before there was anybody living in this country, or anywhere on earth, except in one place.

But remember, this book, like the Stories I told you, is only a help. As soon as you are old enough, and can read all words easily, you will find the real Stories, and many more, in the Bible.

Turn to it; read it; and study it.

The most wonderful Stories you will find in the New Testament. And there you will find the rules by which you, and we all, are to try to live, speak, act, and think.

He who brought them to us said, "IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY ARE YE, IF YE DO THEM."

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