

about something else. Before, then, you begin your prayers, you must ask God to give you his Holy Spirit, that you may not draw nigh to him "with your *lips*, while your *hearts* are far from him."

Never be in a hurry to say your prayers,—but think a little while, before you kneel down, what you are about to do. You are going to speak to that Almighty Being, "who looketh upon the *heart*," and who sees whether we think of what we say, or care for what we ask.

LESSON LXXX.

TRY AGAIN.

"Try again" is a very useful maxim to old and young, rich and poor; and a very great deal will be got by all those who will put this short rule into practice.

I would not give a fig for the boy who can sit whining and pining over a sum that happens to be wrong, or a lesson that is rather more difficult than common: why he has nothing to do but to *try again* heartily, and his sum will soon be done correctly, and his difficult lesson learned perfectly.

You have read of Columbus, who discovered the New World. When he first set sail, what difficulties he had to conquer, and how often he was disappointed! Day after day he tried, and "tried again," till at last his seamen were so tired and disappointed, that they threatened to throw him overboard. Still he "tried again," and persevered till he discovered America.