you have behaved well to-day, so I shall try.

"Joan, the good queen of Navarre, was one of the best and noblest women of whom we read in history. She died about three hundred years ago. Her life was full of troubles and sorrows, and would make a long interesting tale, if I had time to tell you it. She was a Protestant, or Huguenot, as they were then called in France; and in her days the Protestants were much persecuted by the Papists, and had to fight for their lives and liberty. Queen Joan was looked up to and loved by them all.

"One of her best generals was called La Noue. In a bloody battle his right arm was broken by a ball, and he had to give up the command of the army and retire to the town of La Rochelle, where the queen was then residing, as a place of safety. He was most kindly welcomed, and the greatest care and tenderness bestowed upon him, for