sake, so that only thorns and thistles come up of themselves, all good and useful plants have to be planted and taken care of. God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden as a punishment; but He had a kind purpose in it, too. A tree of life was growing in the garden; it would not have been at all for Adam and Eve's happiness to eat of it, and so make their earthly life, which sin had spoiled, last on for ever. It was better for them now that their bodies should die, so God said, 'Lest man should put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live for ever, I will drive him out.' The Bible tells us God 'placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubims and a flaming sword, which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.'"

Mr. James looked at the school clock, and found time was getting on, so he made haste to put up the next picture.

"Who have we here, children?"

"A shepherd and his sheep, sir."

"Yes; and who was the first shepherd?"

There was a pause, till Edith answered, "Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground."

"You can all tell me who Cain and Abel were?"

"Adam's children."