

HALF A POINT WRONG.

A gentleman crossing the English Channel stood near to the helmsman. It was a calm and pleasant evening, and no one dreamed of a possible danger to their good ship, but a sudden flapping of a sail, as if the wind had shifted, caught the ear of the officer on watch, and he sprang at once to the wheel, examining closely the compass. "You are a half point off the course!" he said sharply to the man at the wheel. The deviation was corrected, and the officer returned to his post.

"You must steer very accurately," said the looker-on, "when only a half point is so much thought of."

"Ah! half a point in many places might bring us directly on the rocks," he said. So it is in life. Half a point from strict truthfulness stands upon the rocks of falsehood.

Half a point from perfect honesty, and we are steering for the rocks of crime. And so of kindred vices. The beginnings are always small.—Sel.

WAIT QUIETLY.

When troubles assail, let us not rend the air with complaints and murmurs and impatient words, but call silently upon God, leaving all our cares with him, feeling assured that he will make all things work together for our own good.

In our every-day home-life how many things we find to perplex and annoy! A trifle often causes so much vexation, that coming in an unguarded moment we utter hasty words in return, which, on sober reflection, we remember with regret. Let us then study to be quiet and to wait on the Lord. He will never forget to succor and aid. One impatient word from Moses forfeited for him an entrance into Canaan, while the calm patience and quiet of Noah, who paddled on one hundred and twenty years building that grand old ark, was rewarded, when dark clouds arose and pouring rains came, by its floating with him and his on the tidal waves to safety and rest.

So it was with Jacob, and Joseph, and Daniel, and a host of other biblical characters, and so it will be with trusting Christians always. To wait quietly on the Lord will be to find security, peacefulness and heaven.—Christian Work.

THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD.

It beams in every eye, it moves in every form, it is on the wing of the insect and on the rich plumage of all the fowls of heaven. No creature that crawls in the dust or that browses on the meadow does not bear it in some form or other. It dances in every bubble of the brook, sparkles in every snowflake. It is in all the shells on the shore, in all the pebbles on the beach. It sits as a queen on every heaving billow. It decorates with a million pearls and forms of life the whole bed over which mighty oceans roll. It corruscates in all the minerals of the mountain. Every ore thrown up by the miner flashes it forth as it comes into the light. As the Creator is everywhere, beauty is ubiquitous, it is the refulgent costume of the Infinite.—Selected.

THE "PROVIDER."

Fathers are lectured a good deal nowadays about their duty to their children, and exhorted to give less time to business and more to home. Those who point out their deficiencies to them so glibly do not seem to see that there is another side to the case. Many a father would be glad to spend less time at the office, but for knowing that the comfort of the home depends on his laborious hours there. Many a husband envies his wife the clinging affection of the little son and daughter and counts the loss of an equal place in their childish hearts the greatest sacrifice he makes for the good of his family. Do mothers realize how much they might do to strengthen the tie between the children and their father? So much of the purchasing in the average household is done by the mother that the father's real importance as the "provider" is not always clear to youthful eyes. It is for the mother to explain when she brings home the new suit that it was father who earned the money for it, and that it is because father wants his boys and girls to have so many nice things that he goes to work so early in the morning and comes home, sometimes so tired that he does not like

the moral printed for him in a nursery rhyme, to accompany his toilet, after the style of The House that Jack Built, which begins with himself and his initial garment, and reaches its climax in his papa: "This is Dear Papa, who works so hard. To earn the money, that Mamma takes, when she goes to the store, to buy the shirt, that Johnny wears."—The Congregationalist.

AS TO LEADING PRAYER MEETINGS.

It is very much like being hostess at the head of a table full of guests. There are the good things to be provided by previous thought and work, and the invitations to be sent out. But it is at the table itself that the finest qualities need to be displayed. If anything goes wrong the hostess must never show any annoyance, but rather turn the mistake to good account. If any important guest fails to come or is late, she must blandly smile and make such adjustments as are possible. Every one must be made to feel at home. The bashful and timid young man, while not having any important remark aimed squarely at him will be drawn into conversation unawares. People will be set to conversing in a most interesting way who were never suspected of having anything interesting about them. Occasionally a learned guest will be kept talking quite by himself when he has struck on a line of personal information or experience of peculiar value; but most likely the conversation is general, darting back and forth in a delightful play of mind on mind. The gaps between the courses the wise hostess fills herself with little observations which seem quite unpremeditated, but in reality come from a careful study of her company before hand. Ever ready, ever good natured, ever feeling that the pleasure of her company is in her hands, she yet succeeds in making the guests provide most of the intellectual feast.

When you are called upon to lead a prayer meeting, it will be well to give up the old notion of presiding at a public function, and adopt the idea of a hostess among her guests. If you do, when they go home they will be likely to thank you for the delightful hospitality you have shown, and secretly desire to come again.—Congregationalist.

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