'Until you can make up your minds upon this point,' said the pastor, as he was about leaving the church, 'we must all trust in the Lord.' And after this the people followed him from the place.

Both Deacon Smith and Mr. Peck got their hay safely in, but on the very day Mr. Sharp and his wife were to have started for Snowhill, it began to rain in right good earnest. Sharp lost his visit, but he met the disappointment with good grace, for his crops smiled at the rain.

Ere another month had rolled by, another meeting was called for a petition for rain, but this time the result was the same as before. Many of the people had their muck todig, but rain would prevent them. Some wanted the rain immediately—some in one, some in two, and some in three days, while others wanted it put off longer. So Mr. Surely had not yet occasion to call for rain.

One year rolled by, and up to that time the people of Fallowdale had never once been able to agree upon the exact kind of weather they would have, and the result was that they began to open their eyes to the fact that this world would be a strange place, if its inhabitants could govern it. While they had been longing for a power they did not possess, they had not seen its absurdity, but now that they had, in good faith, tried to apply that power, under the belief that it was theirs, they saw clearly that they were getting the easiest way to gain a beautiful color beyond their sphere. They saw that Nature's laws were safer in the hands of Nature's God than in the hands of Nature's children.

On the last Sabbath in the first year of Mr. Surely's settlement at Fallowdale, he offered to give up his connection with the parish; but the people would not listen to it. They had become attached to him and the meetings, and they wished him to stay.

'But I can no longer rest under our former contract with regard to the weather,' said the pastor.

' Nor do we wish you to,' returned Sharp. 'Only preach to us and teach us and our children how to live, and help us be social and happy.

' And,' added the pastor, while a tear of pride stood in his eye, as he looked for an instant into the face of his now happy wife, 'all things above our proper sphere we will leave with God, for He doeth all things well.'-Sylvanus Cobb, Jr.

BEGIN RIGHT.

'Boys,' said papa, coming in through the yard as the rain began to fall, 'put on your rubber coats and boots, and run out and clear away the heap of dirt you threw up yesterday around the cistern platform. Make a little channel where the ground slopes, for the water to run off below.

Hal and Horace thought this great

fun, and were soon at work. But presently papa called from a window.

'You are not doing that right, boys. You've turned the water all toward the house. It will be running into the cellar window next thing you know. Turn your channel away from the house at

'But this is the easiest way to dig it now, papa,' called Hal. 'Before it does any harm we'll turn it off.'

'Do it right in the beginning,' said papa, in a voice that settled things. 'Begin right, no matter if it is more trouble. Then you will be sure that no harm can be done, and won't have to fix things up afterward.

The boys did as they were told, and were just in time to keep a stream of water from reaching the cellar window.

Soon after this, papa found Horace reading a book borrowed from one of the

'That is not the kind of reading that I allow,' he said. 'Give it back at

'Please let me finish the book,' pleaded Horace. 'Then I can stop reading this kind, before it does me any harm.

'No, said papa, repeating the lesson of the rainy day, 'begin right in your reading, and in all your habits, and then you will not have to change. Take the right direction first, and then you'll be sure of it.'

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