## * This and That *

## "WORK YOUR FEET."

On one of the city streets, a little boy was tpaching his younger brother to ride a bicycle. As the older boy ran alongside of the moving wheel and oceasionally stretching forth his hand to steady it, we could hear him say, "Work your feet. Work your feet." The boy thus admonished would keep his feet moving, by this action giving momentum to the wheel, and thus was enabled to leeep the wheel steady and ride withnut assistance. The older boy had learned by experience that if his brother cesised to work his feet he would lose his balance and fall.
Herein lies a most valuable lesson for at1 who would follyw Christ. Activity is the secret of Christian growth. Keep moving. "Work your feet" in the Master's service. Let your feet be swilt to carry the gospel to those who sit in darkness, for, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who bringeth glay- tidings. That publisheth peace " Seek opporthinities of serving your Lotdiand thare will be no swerving to the right or the left, no turning from the paith of duty, but a steady movement toward Chirist and the Chrlist IIfe.
Idleness in the spiritual life is as fatal to growth, as it is in the physical. Idleness is death. Activity is life.mSel.

Some of the sweetest impressions of life's duties are made by little children. A reader of the Ledider-Wiy relates a tender conver sation with his little boy: "while working in my little garden, the other day, I put my litthe seven-year-old boy to uncovering some vegetabt lil. I hin covered too teep vegetabtes wict $Y$ had coverid too deep The beautifal sun was seading down its warm rays of heat upon the little faihful worker, who exclaimed: Mamma, the sum is shinning so liot, its about to burn me up. I wish there wasn't any sun.' Then I explained to him the necessity of its shining and that God made the sun for us and for our glory, and now he wasn't satisfied with our
"Well, it shines too hot. - Why didn't he just make it to shine hot enough, and not so hot?
"Then I tofd him that Cod mate it to suit himself, and that he couldn't please every one, for some people are too hard to please. He hung his head for a moment, as if being sorry the had wished there was no sun, then burst into tears, and said: 'TII be pleased with God's way from this time on.'
"Who wouldn't praise God for such a blessing as this tender-hearted child in their home? I do.
"So tet us-all as Christians study God's way; solve the problem as this little fellow did, and not fret and worry because he didn't make things some other way; but as Dyer said, be pleased with his way from this on. Let his will be done, not our wishes."-Sel

## EXPLAINED.

Wile-"George, how could you keep urging Mr. Brown to have some more ice cream athe I -mined yon before dinner not to ask him, for the supply was limited?

George-"Why, my dear-you will pardon
me I entirely forgot-
Wife - "But when I kept kicking you under the table-I was afraid the was going to accept your invitation-I know he wanted more, I don't know what made him decline. Fortunately he did, or I don't know what I should have done."
George (calmly) - "Kicking me? You didn't kick me.: - Ex:

SHE GOT THE CANDY.
It was a Chicago child, not yet three years old, tho, having been punished by her mother, called up her father on the telephone for sympathy. "Pepa," was the call that his stenographer heard on answering the ring.
"Why, it's the baby," she said to heremployes. The startled man, with visions of disaster in his mind, caught the receiver and said;
"What is is baby?"
"What do you want me to do about it?" asked the relieved and amused parent. "Come right home and bring me a pound of candy"' said the child.-Ex.

THE CHARM OF WINTER. He who does not know the charm of winter loses half the year. It is easy to pretend to like Nature aud fresh air in the drowsy summer-fime, when "toiling in town here is horrid, " but the real outdoor woman knows that Winter has his wonders, too To Wel the sting of the winter wind; to see the sun glisten along the ice fields; to watch the low dusk come in the heaven, and the faroff red fire of evening color the western world; to stamp coldly home to the warm fire and supper-these are some of the pleasures which come with outdoor esercises.February Woman's Home Companion,

## INTERESTING.

To hear the music of sweet bells, and also to test solid silver, take a solid silver tablespoon, and tie two cords of equal length to the handle: Hold the ends of the cords to each ear, at the same time closing the ears with the figgers. Then by a motion of the body swing the spoon, letting it strike the brck of the chair or like a wooden object bnck of the chair or like a wooden object.
You have no idea what sweet music you You have no idea what sweet music y
will hear. Try it and see.- Selected. ON THE SHELF.
A youthful but very animated little lady was enjoying her first visit to church. It was in an Episcopal church, and the choit boys and the form of service interested her grently. But after the sermon had begui ber attention was directed from the pulpit to other parts of the house, and in the course of her inspection of things, she suddenly discovered the gallery filled with people in the rear of the church. "Mother," sbe whispered excitedly, "are those the wicked back there on the shelf?"-Harper's Weekly.

## "HOWLERS."

A correspondent sends to The London Globe a list of "bowlers" perpetrated by British Bjard School children and collected by the master. On the nature of gases, "An oxygen bas eight sides." In natural history, A cuckoo is a bird which does not lay its owa eggs;" a mosquito is a child of black and white parents," and "a blizzard is the and white pare" ." ing: "Theryat is a menagerie lion ning round the earth and through Africa, "a "meridian is the place where they keep the time," and "the inhabitants of Paris are called parasites." Among answers we have heard before is that of the child who declares - Izaalk Walton was such a good fi-herman that he was called the Judicious Hooker,"-New York Tribute
"Mirandy, what business is that young man in?" asked Mrs Ridgefarm of her daugh"I
"I don't lnow, ma," said Mirandy, "but I think he must work in a wood-yard. He always ends his letters "cordially."-Ex

MONEY THROWN AWAY. f"So that city doctor helped ye right smart, did he, Silas ?" asked Mrs. Giles, on her husband's return from a weeks's visit to a spec ialist ir-a neighboring town.
"Well, I guess he did!. Im feeling fine as a fiddle now, an' he says I won't likely bave any return of it il 1 just keep to what he tells me"
in What did he say was the matter with ye? inquired the wife, eagerly.

If forgit now what he called it, but-" say now ye craid, "ye don't really mean te sav now ye naid out all that money a
didn't git no good of it, after all "-Ex.

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