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A LYING MOTHER.

The *Outlook* tells of a little child who was brought into a kindergarten for the first time. She absolutely refused to remain without her mother, a woman of wealth, and one who might have commanded leisure had she wished, but who preferred filling her time with charitable and social engagements. The timid little girl held her mother a prisoner the entire morning. The second morning the child was a little more accustomed to her surroundings, and did not cling so tightly to her mother's dress. The mother took advantage of this, and said:

"If you let me go out for a little while, I will come back and bring you a box of candy."—"No, you won't," said the little girl, looking in her mother's face with perfect fearlessness; "I know you won't."—"Oh, yes, I will," responded the young mother; "if you just let me go for a little while, I will come back with a box of candy for you."

The child consented, but her expression made it very plain to the teachers in charge that she had very little confidence that her mother would keep that engagement. She sat and watched her little companions, and after a time joined in the games and work. When her nurse came for her, she was overheard to say: "Mamma said she would come back and bring me a box of candy, but I know'd she wouldn't." And the nurse gave no evidence of surprise. The mother appeared the next day apparently with not the slightest recollection of the stain which she had put upon her own character the day before.

If that little girl does not grow up a liar it will be because she does not follow her mother's example. "And all liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. xxi. 8.

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A question frequently asked is: Are the majority of physicians and surgeons, infidels? A Christian physician up in Minnesota decided to find out for himself. He sent out these three questions broadcast to the medical profession:

- 1—Do you believe in the Christian religion?
- 2—Do you profess it?
- 3—Are you a church member?

He set forth the result, in part, in the *St. Louis Medical Brief*. At the time of writing he had heard from 33 states and territories, and the answers were still coming in. Out of 179 responses, 150 answers were "yes" to all three questions, and 13 answered "no" to all three. Nine answered "yes" to questions 1 and 2, and "no" to 3; seven answered "yes" to 1, and "no" to 2 and 3. Strange to relate, two frankly answered that they did belong to a church, but did not believe or profess the Christian religion. The total of those who went on record as believers was 166, of whom 150 are church members. The infidels numbered 13. The general question is certainly answered in a convincing manner. The author of the article noted that each response from lady physicians contained three affirmations, and that whereas the believers gave simple answers, "I do" or "yes," the infidels each took from three to five pages of paper to show their grounds of infidelity. Much of their argument, he adds, was covert sneers or personalities.—*Mid-Continent*.

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