

to be taken in Great Britain will show that not a few British cities have been gaining at an astonishing rate for old towns in a country where the population has long been dense. Even in ancient India the growth of the cities is out of all proportion to that of the country as a whole."—*Scientific American*.

### OUR WIDE INFLUENCE.

"Example is better than precept, but good example and right precept going together, the two are better than one, and divine grace co-operating, forms a three-fold cord not easily broken." We all have a wide influence for good or evil, thus the necessity of a close and prayerful watchfulness that our example may not be such as to lead any astray. A few days ago I heard a young woman giving as a plea for doubtful right action that she knew good Christian people who did the same, and so it must be right. Do we pause and question often if we are doing anything in word or act whereby a weaker brother or sister, who may be following our footsteps, might stumble?

If we ever depend on our all-wise Father to rule our lives, we will not only become bright and shining lights that those, who have not learned to seek divine aid, may follow, but he will give us love and strength to encourage them to seek the same guidance that ever brings peace and joy.

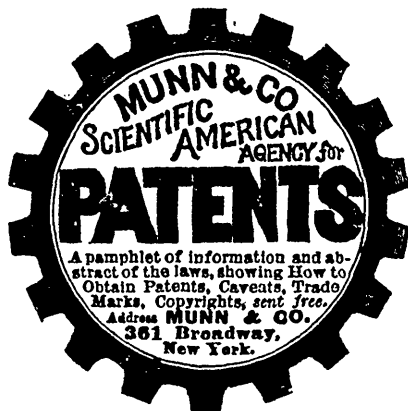
"Lead us, O Father, in the paths of truth;  
Unhelped by thee in error's maze may grope,  
While passion stains and folly dims our youth,  
And age comes on uncheered by faith and hope.

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of light,  
Blindly we stumble when we walk alone,  
Involved in shadows of a darksome night,  
Only with thee we journey safely on."

Saratoga Springs. L. M. R.

Some passions cannot be regulated, but must be entirely cut off.—[Seneca.

There is one snow of breeding vulgarity seldom assumes,—simplicity.—[George Macdonald.



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