

SLOW GROWERS.

Both in the vegetable and animal kingdoms, the slow growers are the products of nature which endure the most and live the longest. Those plants that spring up to full stature over-night, like the mushroom, endure but for a day. The poplar and other rapid growers among the forest giants, oftentimes are laid prone upon the ground by the slight acceleration of a summer's breeze, while the giant oak and sinewy hickory, whose recording circles often mark the laps of centuries, bravely withstand the shock of the hurricane.

Among animals, too, we find that those which require the longest time in reaching maturity, live the longest, and able to render the most benefit and blessing to the world.

From a careful study of nature in this respect, cannot the young learn valuable lessons as to their mental, moral and spiritual growth? Vastly too many seem to think that they should attain to the acme of excellence on these lines the moment they make a start on the road to improvement. They become impatient to delay and hard, plodding toil, and rush out into the stern realities of life with only a fraction of the physical training, mental equipment, and disciplined moral power, which they should have rightly to perform the duties, and successfully to endure the storm and vicissitudes, that later life will surely bring to them. As a result of their ill-advised attempts at rapid growth, many young people go out to meet the responsibilities of life only to fail, and fail utterly. Be not afraid to be classed among the slow growers.

THIRTY YEARS OF GLOOM.

He had Hunted the World for a ray of hopeful. Healthful, Sunshine, but in vain; until South American Nervine Brought a Middy burst of Healing Light to Him and made Him Strong again.

Thos Waterman, a well-known and popular resident of Bridgewater, N.S., had been suffering from indigestion and weakness of the nerves for nearly thirty years. He had tried every remedy, and treated with best physicians, but all failed to give any permanent relief. He had almost given up hope of a cure, and as a last resort procured South American Nervine. One bottle greatly benefitted, and after taking three or four bottles he proclaimed himself perfectly well.

—The diminutive chains of habit are generally too small to be felt till they are too strong to be broken.

HAD MANY AILMENTS.

"For years I have been taking medicines for liver complaint, rheumatism, heart trouble and nervous prostration, but three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla have done me more good than any other medicine I have ever taken. I heartily recommend it to others." Mrs. S. A. Judd, Vernon, Michigan.

—Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy, yet efficient.

—When you are invited to the House of God, remember that it is the Lord that invites you, and He does it out of grace. He does not need your presence there, and is rich enough to afford to do without your service. You have need of Him; not He of you.

He who fancies he is paying the Lord a compliment by listening to His gospel is worse off than Lazarus who lay at the rich man's gate full of sores and who knew and felt his need. There is no wretchedness greater than that poverty of spirit which knows not its poverty.

BABY ECZEMA AND SCALD HEAD.

Infants and young children are peculiarly subject to this terrible disorder, and if not promptly arrested it will eventually become chronic. Dr. Chase made a special study of Eczema and disease of the skin, and we can confidently recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to cure all forms of Eczema. The first application soothes the irritation and gives the little sufferer rest.

—Home life and the unreserved freedom of intimate acquaintance reveal the heart as public life never can.

CARE OF THE COMPLEXION.

It is a well known fact that a torpid liver produces a sallow hue and a dull yellow complexion. You need not expect a clear, beautiful complexion if the blood is rendered impure by a sluggish action of the liver, which cannot properly perform its function of purifying and filtering all impurities from the blood. Ladies, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills is an invaluable remedy, for by their action on the liver and blood they promote true beauty by rendering the blood pure. This is the secret.

A FAITHFUL DOG.

One winter's morning, long before daylight, a wagoner started from the inn where he had passed the night. Before he had gone far, he fell down on a piece of the road which had been made slippery by the frost, and the wheels of the cart passed over his leg and broke it. Being unable to rise, he cried to his horses to stop, and called to his dog to come and lie down over him to keep him warm, while he waited for some one to come past and help him.

After a minute or two, however, the dog got up and ran back to the inn, where he barked as loudly as he could. The only servant who was up at that early hour thought the animal must have forsaken his master, and drove him roughly away.

The faithful creature then ran back to his master and laid himself on his body, warming him as well as he could; but after a few minutes he got up again, took the man's hat between his teeth, and rushed off once more in the direction of the inn, the door of which now stood open.

He ran in, laid the hat between the table, and placed himself beside it, at the same time howling dolefully.

The innkeeper who was now up, immediately understood that some accident must have happened. He called his men, and they all set out together in the direction the man had taken an hour before, led by the good dog, who continually ran back to see if they were following.

They soon reached the poor man, who was beginning to feel very anxious, not only on his own account, but as to what would become of his cart and horses; but, thanks to the faithful perseverance of his dog, the cart

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