

Fred's Sermon on Honoring Parents.

"H" means to hear what they say. Sometimes you can't hear when you are real near, if you'd rather not; but you must always rather. 'O' means obey—that's to mind what you are told as well as to hear it. 'N' is to hear and obey now. Don't say 'wait a minute.' Don't think 'I'll mind next time.' Now is the word. 'O' again means 'onest; we owe it to our parents, because they loved us and took care of us when we were little shavers, and couldn't do' it ourselves. 'R' stands for right. It is right, because God says so, if it weren't He wouldn't have put it in the Bible."

Before and After.

A little girl had a great desire to join the church; consequently she went to the minister, asking to be received into the church. He inquired if she had experienced a change of heart, and she answered affirmatively. The minister inquired further, "Were you a sinner before?" "Yes." "Are you a sinner now?" Again she answered, "Yes." "Where, then, is the difference between your former and your present condition." After some moments' meditation she said, "Before I was converted to Christ I was a sinner that runs after sin; now I am a sinner that runs away from sin."—Mission Friend.

Why He Became a Missionary.

A beautiful story was told not long ago by a young missionary as to how he was influenced to become a missionary. When a child he used constantly to walk through a certain churchyard, and one of the grave-stones which he passed, erected to the memory of a little boy eight years of age, bore this inscription:

"Mother, when I grow to be a man I should like to be a missionary. But if I should die when I am still a boy will you put it on my tomb, so that one passing by may read it and go instead of me?"

Through the reading of this inscription there grew up in his mind this thought: "I must go in the place of that little boy." And so he has been trained for the work, and will soon commence it. It was only a little boy's wish that influenced him to become a missionary. Now, if a wish can do so much good, what may a word and a deed do?—Reformed Church Tidings.

The Time to be Cheerful.

When we are thoroughly tired and discouraged, then is the time to be really cheerful. Cheerfulness under blue skies and sunshine may only be a reflection of the cheeriness of the surroundings. It is the gray day and the hard road that test the real courage and sunniness of the soul.—American Friend.

"Tell me how a boy spends his spare time," said a wise man, "and I will tell you what kind of a man he will be."

Burned His Mother.

Years ago the Hindu widow was frequently burned on a huge wooden pyre by the side of the dead body of her husband. The funeral fire was kindled by a near relative.

Bipro Charan Chuckerbutty was the last Bengali boy who kindled the fire that burnt the dead body of his father and the living body of his mother. The British government put a stop to this unnatural and horrible cruelty.

Young Chuckerbutty heard of the love of Jesus, accepted Him as his Saviour, and, after an education, became a preacher of the Gospel. He has been for years a faithful minister and missionary of the Church of Scotland in Calcutta.

He is now an old man, and looking forward to the end of his life and service here; he has handed over the whole of his property, between six and seven hundred pounds, to the Mission to be absolutely theirs when he dies.—Sel.

A Simple Question.

An aged gentleman at a watering-place said to a lady, a stranger to him, as she came up to take her usual draught of the water, "Have you ever drunk at the Great Fountain?"

The lady colored and turned away without replying.

The following winter, in another place, he was asked to visit a lady who was dying. As he entered the room, she said with a smile, "Do you not know me? Do you not recollect asking a woman at the spring last year, 'Have you ever drunk at the Great Fountain?'"

"Yes," said he, "I do remember."

"Well, sir, I am that person. I thought at the time you were very rude; but your words kept ringing in my ears. I was without peace or rest till I found Christ. I now expect shortly to die, and you, under God, have been the means of my salvation. Be as faithful to others as you have been to me. Never be afraid to talk to strangers on the subject of religion."—Christian

A Goat for a Bible.

The scholars in the schools of the Free Church of Scotland mission in Livingstonia, Africa, have increased in two years from 1,700 to 7,000 and "still they come." Bibles and New Testaments are greatly sought after. The people cannot as a rule go into the shop with their money in their pocket, but they buy their Bible by paying for it with a sheep or a goat.