

THE REASON WHY.

"When I was at the party,"  
Said Betty (aged just four)  
"A little girl fell off her chair,  
Right down upon the floor;  
And all the other little girls  
Began to laugh but me—  
I didn't laugh a single bit,"  
Said Betty seriously.

"Why not?" her mother asked her,  
Full of delight to find  
That Betty—bless her little heart!  
Had been so sweetly kind.  
"Why didn't you laugh, darling?  
Or don't you like to tell?"  
"I didn't laugh," said Betty,  
"Cause it was me that fell!"

EMERSON'S ADVICE TO A DAUGHTER

Finish every day, and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. To-morrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.

THROAT TROUBLE CURED.

"I used Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine for severe throat trouble," writes Mrs. Hopkins, of 254 Bathurst Street, Toronto. "It proved most effective. I regard it as one of the best household remedies there is. It is easy and pleasant to take and drives out the cold with surprising celerity."

"THE HOARY HEAD."

Tom was studying the Sunday-school lesson, which was in the twenty-second chapter of Proverbs. By and by he came to this verse: "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

When he had read it over carefully two or three times, he said to himself aloud, "I never thought of that before."

"Of what, my boy?" asked Uncle Jack.

"Why, uncle, that almost all the very old people whom I know, are good. I can only think of three or four who are wicked. I wonder how that happens."

"I think we can find out a very simple reason for that, Tom. Which is the more likely to live long, the man who keeps the laws which God has made to govern his body, or the one who habitually breaks them?"

"The first, of course, uncle."

"Certainly. It is true that we sometimes see the sad sight of an old, white haired drunkard trembling and tottering along the street, but most drunkards are in their dishonoured graves long before they come to the time of the 'hoary head.' The rum-dragon has an appetite for the young and strong and beautiful."

"The man who lives a dissipated life, giving free range to his desires and passions, is truly said to 'burn his candle at both ends.' No wonder that it so early goes out in blackness!"

"Sin has its root in the soul, but evil actions are worked out through the body. God made this marvelous machine of bone and muscle and nerve for right uses, but it is fashioned too delicately to bear persistent abuse,

without injury and destruction. So you see, Tom, that while age cannot make one good, goodness does very often make one aged. Length of days is a good gift of God, and it is sought most surely along "the way of righteousness."

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HOW TO DECIDE.

Sometimes we are perplexed. I have seen places ever so far away, way off in the West, where the only road through woods or across wide plains was a narrow trail. You would be lost and never get anywhere except you followed the trail. But sometimes even the trail itself would get you into difficulty. For, following the trail, you would come to a place where the trail forked, one branch of it leading into this direction, and the other in that. And the question would be which one of the trails to take to reach where you wanted to go? And if there were not some guide by to tell you, you would be in sad and questioning plight.

I think very often in life we come to some such place. We want to do the right, and as far as we know ourselves we are going on in the right; and then, we come to where we have to decide as to which is right—whether we may do this or may not do it; allow ourselves in this or refuse to let ourselves put our feet in that special way.

Nobody who lives can help getting into such a place sometimes. And the bother is there is nobody at hand to tell us; we have to decide ourselves whether we will take that trail or this. We often wish very much that somehow a voice would speak to us out of the sky; but no voice falls.

I think we may soon safely and certainly decide which trail to take when we come there where they fork. I think if we will prayerfully and honestly ask ourselves, "What do I think Jesus would do were He standing here?" and then quickly and bravely take the path whither our answer to that question seems to point, even though it looks like the hardest path, we cannot go far wrong. What would Jesus do? is the best sort of test by which to decide things.

SURPRISED HIS DOCTOR.

"A little over a year ago I was laid up with bronchitis," says Stanley C. Bright, clerk, Kingston. "My doctor's bill came to \$42, and altogether my illness cost me \$125. This fall I had another attack. I came across an advertisement in a newspaper for Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine for throat troubles. I thought I would risk a quarter and try it. It cured me. After this I intend to treat my own ills."

—Good luck is the willing handmaid of upright, energetic character and conscientious observance of duty.

—One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters.

—Suffer if you must; do not quarrel with the dear Lord's appointments for you. Only try, if you are to suffer, to do it splendidly. That's the only way to take up a pleasure or a pain!

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