

thinking a good deal about it and I've concluded it's worse to lie than to steal. If you steal a thing you can take it back, less you've eaten it; and if you've eaten it you can pay for it. But"—and there was a look of awe in the little face—"a lie is forever."

HOME MUSIC.

You often hear boys and girls say words when they are vexed that sound as if made up of a snarl, a whine, and a bark. Such a voice often expresses more than the heart feels. Often, even in mirth one gets a voice or tone that is sharp, and it sticks to him through life. Such persons get a sharp voice for home use, and keep their best voice for those they meet elsewhere. I would say to all boys and girls, "Use your guest-voice at home." Watch it by day, as a pearl of great price for it will be worth more to you than the best pearl in the sea. A kind voice is a lark's song to a hearth and home. Train it to sweet tones now and it will keep in tune through life—*Child's Guide*.

IS WELSH THERE.

King James I. was given to swearing and using improper language, for which he had been seriously reproved by the pious and fearless John Welsh, a Scotch minister. The king could not but esteem him, and feared him not a little, although he disliked him. When Welsh was present he tried to govern his tongue in some degree, and if an oath escaped him when he thought Welsh might be within hearing, he would say to his attendants, "Is Welsh there? Do you think he heard me?" Do we remember that there is One who always hears every word we say?—*Ezek.* xxxv. 12, 13.

WHAT STRONG DRINK DOES.

Dr. Almon in testifying about the Halifax Poor House stated that few persons were in the Poor House that had not been brought there by drink. There are a few very sober respectable Christian people in the Poor House; but they are a very small minority. The large majority have been brought there by drunkenness. Some of the inmates, are estimable; but the moral tone of the institution as a whole—of 300 out of the 400—is extremely low.—*Witness*.

CAN THE CHINESE BE CONVERTED?

Why not? They are less cruel, less immoral than our heathen ancestors were, and not inferior in intellect or civilization. Cannot He who converted the Saxons, the Britons, and Gauls convert the Chinese? Can any nation build barriers high enough to shut out God's power from its people? Since the Chinese are part of the 'all' who die in Adam, are they not part of the 'all' for whom Christ died?

They make just such Christians as the converted Romans, and Corinthians' and Colossians, and Thessalonians did,—such Christians as Paul describes in the seventh chapter of Romans. There are in them sad evidences of depravity, mingled with cheering evidences of regeneration. Paul writes to the 'saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are in Colosse,' and gives thanks for their faith and love, since they knew the grace of God in truth yet he exhorts them to 'put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy,' &c., and to 'lie not one to another.' He writes also to the Thessalonians, 'knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God,' yet he commands 'that no one go beyond and defraud his brother,' He might have addressed the churches in China or America in the same language. John addresses the Chinese and us when he says, 'Beloved, now are we the sons of God.'

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