

Popish archbishop of Lyons became very angry. "If you teach any more," he said to this rich Christian merchant, "I will have you taken up for a heretic, and burned."

God's blessed truth, however, cannot be burned out, or rooted out, or put out, by any way of men's devising. God himself will take care of it. In spite of the anger of their enemies, in all the countries whither Peter Waldo and his missionaries went, the truth made its way, converting and comforting many souls. Thus were planted the seeds, the little seeds of true Bible religion, which, three or four hundred years afterward, sprang up and aided in promoting the great Reformation—that Reformation which established Bible religion again on the earth, and gave a great blow to the power of the Pope.

But what became of Peter Waldo? After doing much good, and presenting a noble example as a Christian, he went into Bohemia, where he peacefully died, in the year 1179. From that time to the present day his name is held in great respect, not because he was a great merchant or a rich man, but because he gave up himself and his all to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, and because he was the first to give the whole word of God to the common people in their own language.

#### A Useful Little Word.

A faithful mother gave to her son, as her dying counsel, these words, "My son, learn to say *no*." She did not intend that he should be discourteous in his conversation, rude and impertinent to his superiors, or unkind to those who sought his kind offices, but that he should firmly and promptly resist all temptations to sin, and all efforts to draw him aside from the path of duty and safety. Her counsel was but another mode of expressing the sentiment of the wise man, "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not." What a world of wisdom

is treasured up in that brief sentence! what amazing interests depend on the fidelity with which it is obeyed!

How many a youth would have been saved from ruin, had he early learned to say "*no*!" How much danger would he have avoided from vicious companions, and from all the temptations to sin which a wicked world spreads before him, if he would reply to every unhallowed association, "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God!"

"No!" It is a very small word; but what a tide of evil it may be made to resist! How often, if promptly and boldly uttered, it would save the heart from a world of pain and sorrow! How often, for want of it, children and youth are drawn away into paths, the end whereof is the ways of death! Many a terrible wreck of hope, and reputation, and morals has been made, for the simple want of that firmness and decision that says to enticement to sin, "*No*."

It is thus that the drunkard is often made, and evil habits acquired which lead the soul to ruin: while he who begins life with a resolution never to consent to the allurements of wicked companions, passes along in safety and peace.

How then may children learn to say *no*?

1. By becoming acquainted with God's law.
2. By seeking divine guidance, to enable them to understand and apply it.
3. By seeking divine assistance to help them in temptation.
4. By seeking divine grace, to take from their hearts all evil inclinations that render temptations successful.
5. By so loving God, and his law and service, that all sin will become distasteful to them.

Will my young readers bear these directions in mind, and thus learn to say "*no*?"—*S. S. Visitor*.