

NO SECRETS.

THE moment a girl has a secret from her mother, or has received a letter she dare not let her mother read, or has a friend of whom her mother does not know, she is in danger. A secret is not a good thing for a girl to have. The fewer secrets that lie in the hearts of women at any age, the better. It is almost a test of purity. She who has none of her own is best and happiest.

In girlhood, hide nothing from your mother; do nothing that, if discovered by your father, would make you blush. Have no mysteries whatever. Tell those who are about you where you go and what you do. Those who have the right to know, I mean, of course.

A little secretiveness has set many a scandal afloat; and much as is said about women who tell too much, they are much better off than women who tell too little. A man may be reticent and lie under no suspicion; not so a woman.

The girl who frankly says to her mother: "I have been here. I met so and so. Such and such remarks were made, and this or that was done," will be certain of receiving good advice and sympathy. If all was right, no fault will be found. If the mother knows out of her great experience that something was improper or unsuitable, she will, if she is a good mother, kindly advise against its repetition.

It is when mothers discover that their girls are hiding things from them that they rebuke or scold. Innocent faults are always pardoned by a kind parent.

You may not know, girls, just what is right, just what is wrong, yet. You can't be blamed for making little mistakes; but you will never do anything wrong if from the first you have no secrets from your mother.—N. Y. L.

RELIGION THE GREAT BUSINESS.

UNLESS I make religion my great and engrossing concern, I shall be a stranger to all solid peace and enjoyment. I have at times caught a glimpse of the comfort which it yields to the spirit when I merge my will into God's will; when I resolve to have no will of my own separate from God. I feel quite assured that this renunciation of self and entire devotion to God's service, would give a simplicity and grandeur to my existence; would throw an unclouded sunshine over all my ways; would raise me above the cares and provocations of this life, would enhance even my sensible gratifications, and superadd those gratifications of a higher order which constitute the main and essential blessedness of heaven. O my God, may it be thus with me! Call me out of nature's darkness into thine own marvellous light! Give me to aspire after the graces and to hold forth to my acquaintances and above all to my children, the example of all righteousness. Conform me to the Gospel economy, under which I sit, that as Christ died for sin I may die to it; that as He arose again, I may rise to newness of life, and feel it my meat and drink to do Thy will.—Dr. Chalmers.

Beauty gains little, and homeliness and deformity lose much, by gaudy attire. Lysander knew this was most true, and refused the rich garments that the tyrant, Dionysius, proffered to his daughters, saying that they were fit only to make unhappy faces more remarkable.

HABIT.—"I trust everything under God," said Lord Brougham, "to habit, upon which in all ages the lawgiver, as well as the schoolmaster, has mainly placed his reliance; habit which makes everything easy, and casts all difficulties upon the deviation from a wouted course. Make sobriety a habit, and intemperance will be hateful; make prudence a habit, and reckless profligacy will be as contrary to the nature of the child, grown or adult, as the most atrocious crimes are to any of your lordships. Give a child the habit of sacredly regarding the truth, of carefully respecting the property of others, scrupulously abstaining from all acts of improvidence which can involve him in distress, and he will just as likely think of rushing into an element in which he cannot breathe as of lying, cheating, or swearing."

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Little Folks' Midsummer Volume. (London: Cassell. 3s. 6d.) We could almost wish to be young again, to have the chance of enjoying such books as this. "Little Folks" has something to please all the youngsters, from the toddling one-year-old to the mature young gentleman of fifteen; and whether the visit fall with winter's snow or summer's flowers, they are always most welcome.

The Dear Old Home. By I. B. L. (London: Stock.) A book for children, undoubtedly simple, yet forceful, and ingenious almost to a fault. We hope to see I. B. L. again.

Memorials of David Thomas, B.A. Edited by his Son. (London: Hodder and Stoughton.) A living tribute to a man of sterling worth. The name of David Thomas will long be tenderly revered by those who had the good fortune of acquaintance with him and many who have never seen the subject of this Memoir will be glad to possess so simple narrative of so great, though unobtrusive a man.

Messrs. Partridge's monthlies are especially good this month—*Wells Welcome, British Workman, Band of Hope Review, Children's Friend, Infant's Magazine, Friendly Visitor, Family Friend.* Their name is Legion, but the whole parcel only costs 11s.4d., and the engraving in the "Welcome" is alone worth at least half the money.

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