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to the swarthy tribe. They are very curious, those little labourers. Let us follow some of them, as they go to work. Several are just coming down the hill together. They stop at its base, and crowd round each other, moving their feelers to and fro, and rubbing them against a friend, for this is their language. They have now settled what they are going to do; giving information—not quarrelling! Oh, no, they never do that; it is so much time wasted and misspent. Each has his appointed work, and they now separate, journeying along different paths in the wood by day; but they are gathered into the same home at night, as so many members of a numerous family. One goes up a tree to the right, another to the left; one runs nimbly over the moss into the flowers, climbing over or going round obstacles which seem rocks to them, but tiny stones to us. The task of each remains the same—industry employing every moment; for their motto is, "Laziness is the mother of want."

Bad Thoughts.

A little girl one day said to her mother, "Papa calls me good, auntie calls me good, and everybody calls me good, but I am not good."

"I am very sorry," said the mother. "And so am I," said the child, "but I have got a very naughty 'think.'"

"A naughty what?" "My think is naughty inside of me." And on her mother inquiring what she meant, she said, "When I could not ride yesterday, I did not cry, or say anything, but when you were gone, I wished the carriage would turn over, the horses would run away, and everything bad. Nobody knew it; but God knew it, and He cannot call me good."

Good Thoughts.

The first thing a young boy or girl has to do in life is to set about becoming like Christ. This may appear to be not quite true, since life itself makes such demands upon all just that it may be sustained. Christ himself knows how necessary it is that His children should work for their daily bread.

But, nevertheless, the loving invitation to follow Christ comes early in our lives. Not, as we sometimes think, in church or in the outside world, but in the loving sweet lullabies of a good mother, and in the gentle lisps of a simple prayer; or yet, again, in the unselfishness of father or mother, who watch over us in sickness or in danger, forgetful of themselves and of their own comfort.

Oh, the sweet influences of home are so powerful in their effects upon the boys and girls! Many a time have they been the truest and most decided calls to follow Christ. But the boys and the girls are all different from one another, and what influences one does not another. They are not all moved in the same way nor by the same things. They have to be dealt with individually. They all want to live for Christ. They have been attracted to Him in some way, and they have seen and they know that life eternal is to know and follow Him. But how can they best do this?

To some of us the answer to this important question is not hard, to others it is. We want to help these last. Did you ever stop to think of the value of good thoughts? Few of us do so. We are not satisfied—and rightly so—with merely thinking good thoughts; we want to do some good things. But what if the way to do it is not, for some reason or other, open to us for the present? Shall we therefore stand still? Certainly not. What shall we do? What can we do? Why, think good thoughts and think them all the time. The effect of this will be, first, that we will do all we can to show our love to Christ; and next, we will strengthen our own char-

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acter in a way that nothing else can. And when the field of action lies before us, and we are then called upon to do, we shall work all the better for the good thinking we did, and the fruit of our good thoughts will then appear.

We can all think good thoughts. This is to please Christ; this is to follow Christ; and this to lay the foundation for good doing in the time to come.

Boys and girls are always anxious, naturally enough, to be good-looking. They sometimes adopt odd methods to bring about the desired result. Here is a recipe for good looks that never fails, and we can recommend it with a mighty confidence in its efficacy: Think good thoughts and think them all the time.

"Elbows Down."

"Archie," said a thoughtful mother, as the two passed through a crowded entrance to reach a concert-hall, "Archie, put your elbows down. Let your arms hang at your sides."

"Why?" asked careless Archie, not even stopping to think.

"Because you are troubling other people, and taking up more than your share of room," said the mother in a low tone, as they edged their way along.

The boy put down his elbows, but just as they gained the door, he put them up again. The next instant he turned and scowled at a boy who crowded against him and pushed him sideways in an unceremonious manner.

"I don't see what makes folks crowd so," he grumbled, as he took his seat.

"You would not feel it as you do, if you would keep your elbows down and give more room yourself," said his mother.

The day after this Archie came to his mother with grievous complaints against his two brothers, one younger,

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one older. According to his showing, Mark and Ralph were always interfering with him, hindering him, and getting him into trouble.

"I am very much afraid, Archie," said the mother, "that it is nearly all your own fault. You have a fashion of sticking out your elbows when you walk so that you are continually knocking against people, and that vexes you. But your temper is like that too. You won't give others a chance because you want your own way. Elbows down, Archie, and temper smooth. That will make things easier."

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