

before they'd get there. You know how that is," he ended with a laugh.

"Yes; but then it would be such a splendid thing to think that there were four or five boys at church, every Sunday, who would not have been there if you had not brought them. And you know you like good measure."

The idea recommended itself to the boy's enterprising mind, and with all the skill and persistence of which he was capable he carried on the undertaking. In the winter, when Fergus wished to join the church, and the pastor asked him what had turned his mind to such things, he said,—

"Well, I suppose it was sitting up there in the gallery alongside of those fellows that I'd coaxed to come in with me. It wasn't long before I saw that there was more work in it than I could do alone—that I couldn't carry on the business the way it ought to be without a Partner."—*F. C. Monthly.*

THE NARROW CROSSING.

"If you never signed the pledge, did you, Uncle John?"

"I never signed a pledge on my own account, Harry. I presume I have signed several as an example or aid to others," replied Uncle John. "When I was a boy, a good deal smaller than you, I lived in a small town in Vermont. There was a large creek by the village, and at a place called 'The Mills' there was a beautiful fall of water, of ten or twelve feet, pitching off from an evened, flat rock. Reaching quite across the creek, a distance of twenty feet, over this fall of water, was a bridge spanning the stream.

"The sides of this bridge were boarded up, some four feet high. These side pieces were capped by a flat railing of boards of from four to six inches wide. Some of the more daring school children used to walk on this narrow capping board when crossing the bridge, and there was more than one fall and serious injury happened.

"There was one thing that saved me from getting hurt or killed by the dangerous crossing. You would like to know what that was? The easiest thing in the world. It happened from the small circumstance that I never had either the courage or disposition to walk there at all! In other words, I wasn't sure of my head, and I was sure on the broad open bridge.

"I can think of a great many places that men and boys try to pass safely, which are quite dangerous, and where multitudes fall and ruin themselves, and perhaps perish, both soul and body, forever. The safest way is never to take the first step on a dangerous path."—*Selected.*

SWIMMING TO CHURCH.

MYANGANDI lived in West Africa, near the Ogowe river. She was going away from the missionary's house one Saturday afternoon, where she had been to sell bunches of plantains to the missionary, when his wife said: "Now you must not forget that you have promised to come to-morrow to church."

"Yes," the girl replied, "I will surely come if I am alive."

But the next morning she found somebody had stolen her canoe, and no one would lend her one to go to church in. But she had promised to go, and she felt that she must. She swam all the way! The current was swift, the water deep and the river fully a third of a mile wide, but by swimming diagonally she succeeded in crossing the river.

Remember this little heathen girl in West Africa when you feel tempted to stay away from the house of God for some trivial reason. —*Christian Herald.*

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT.

SOMETIMES a young Christian may be puzzled about how he should act as a Christian. I have this much to say—one who is very anxious to do God's will, and is prayerful and reads his Bible daily, is not often troubled by this question. We must take it for granted that everybody who is a Christian wants to do the will of Christ.

The New Testament furnishes general rules for Christian conduct. The whole law is, love to God and love to man. This comprehends everything. We give some rules founded on the Scriptures.

1. Do nothing if you doubt its being right. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."
2. If there is something you want to do which would do you no harm, but might lead a weaker brother into sin, dare not do it. "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth."
3. Do not place yourself in a false position. "Abstain from all appearance of evil."
4. Do nothing in thought, word or deed on which you cannot ask God's blessing. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

The work of a Christian, as it is described in the Bible, looks fitter for the angel than for a fallen man; but the fallen, weak man has more than the sufficiency of an angel for the discharge of it—his sufficiency is of God.—*Rev. W. Jay.*