

thought of her promise to read this Bible, and try to become daily more like the Saviour, brought the tears to her eyes, and she exclaimed, "Oh, how could I forget it so soon!" and, taking up the little Bible, she clasped it lovingly to her heart. Then, kneeling by her bed, she prayed earnestly—more earnestly, it seemed to her, than ever before—for strength to guard against temptation, to conquer her selfish and sinful feelings.

With a happy face, she took up the work which her mother desired her to do; and, seating herself in the low rocking-chair, her busy fingers finished the sewing just as the first bell rang for school.

Hastening to the sitting-room, she handed the nicely-folded skirt to her mother.

"You have done it very quickly, indeed; and the neatly-basted hem is quite a surprise, as well as a help," said her mother. "But I am more pleased at the cheerful manner in which you gave up the greatly-anticipated pleasure of the new book; for I know it cost you a struggle."

"O mamma!" said Nelly, "if you know how wicked I felt at first, you would not praise me. I felt as if you were very unkind, and as if I never had any pleasures, when I have so many. And it was only when I happened to see my beautiful Bible, and remembered my promise to my Sabbath-school teacher, that I felt how wrong I was in indulging such feelings."

"You have gained a victory over yourself, my darling," said her mother; "and you have learned your great need of constant watchfulness, and firm reliance upon a strength greater than your own."—*Child at Home.*

TO YOUNG MEN.

The *Mercantile Times* gives the following seasonable rules for young men commencing business:

The world estimates men by their success in life—and, by general consent, success is the evidence of superiority.

Never, under any circumstances, assume a responsibility you can avoid consistently with your duty to yourself and others.

Base all your actions upon a principle of right; preserve your integrity of character, and in doing this, never reckon the cost.

Remember that self-interest is more likely to warp your judgment than all other circumstances combined; therefore, look well to your duty, when your interests are concerned.

Be neither lavish or niggardly; of the two, avoid the latter. A mean man is universally despised, but public favour is a stepping stone to preferment.—Therefore, generous feelings should be cultivated.

Say but little; think much; and do more.

Let your expenses be such as to leave a balance in your pocket. Ready money is a friend in need.

Avoid borrowing and lending.

Wine-drinking and cigar-smoking are bad habits. They impair the pocket and mind, and will lead to a waste of time.

Never relate your misfortunes, and never grieve over that which you cannot prevent.