

8. Pay a strict regard to the rules of grammar even in private conversation. If you do not understand those rules, learn them, whatever be your age or station.

9. Though you should always speak pleasantly, do not mix your conversation with loud bursts of laughter.

10. Do not indulge in uncommon words, or in Latin and French phrases, but choose the best understood terms to express your meaning.

11. Let your conversation be intellectual, graceful, chaste, discreet, edifying, and profitable.

THE LAW OF GOD.

SOME white men from a Christian land were travelling in New Zealand, and they hired some of the natives to carry their luggage. The Sabbath overtook them on the road. The men wished to go on, but the natives, who had been taught by the Missionaries, said, "No, no; it is the Sabbath; we must rest." The travellers went on and left the natives behind, who in good time arrived safely with the goods. But the men refused to pay them because they would not travel on the Sabbath. "What are we to do with the Sabbath?" asked the natives. "What have *we* to do with the law of God? What is that to us?" said the men, angrily. "You have much to do with that law," said one of the natives, firmly. "Were it not for the law of God, we should have robbed you, taken all you have, and perhaps we might have murdered you. You have that much to do with the law of God."

LITTLE ACTIONS.

As daylight can be seen through very small holes, so *little things* will illustrate a person's character. Indeed, character consists in little acts, honourably performed; daily life being the quarry from which we build it up, and rough-hew the habits that form it.