

“BE YE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY.” I PETER i. 16.

After looking about and pressing through the fence to see if any person were near, he began to fill the sack.

“Father, you forgot to look somewhere else,” said the lad.


He dropped his hold in fright. “Which way, child? Where?”

“You forgot to look up to see if God was looking.”

It was a reproof keen enough even for him. He left the corn, and his thievish ways, and from that time tried to live a better life. His child had taught him the great truth, that God’s eye never sleeps, and always is looking upon us.

TWO PICTURES.

THE BEGINNING.

CHOOL-BOY, ten years old, one lovely June day—with the roses in full bloom over the porch, and the labourers in the wheat-fields—had been sent by Uncle John to pay a bill at the country-store, and there were three shillings left, and Uncle John did not ask him for it. At noon this boy had stood under the beautiful blue sky, and a great temptation came. He said to himself, “Shall I give it back, or shall I wait until he asks for it? If he never asks, that is his look-out. If he does, why, I can get it again together.” He never gave back the money.


THE ENDING.

Ten years went by; he was a clerk in a bank. A package of bills lay in the drawer, and had not been put in the

safe. He saw them, and wrapped them up in his coat, and carried them home.

He is now in a prison-cell; but he set his feet that way when a boy, years before he sold his honesty for three shillings.

This night he sits disgraced and an open criminal. Uncle John is long ago dead. The old home is desolate, his mother broken-hearted. The prisoner knows what brought him there.

T’S too late to save me,” said a poor old drunkard, when urged to reform. “It’s too late to save me, but, oh! for God’s sake, save the boys.” Yes, it was too late for him; he had fallen too low to ever dream of forgiveness and peace. The demon of drink held his soul in bondage, and he had lost forever all hope of salvation. With the consciousness of his own degradation, he pleads not for himself, but “for God’s sake, save the boys.”

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HEB. ii. 9.

“KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD.” I PETER i. 5.