

worse than chains of iron. The victims of their fatally-destructive power may be counted by myriads. Yet men heed not the terrible warning which they give.—*Abstainer's Journal.*

Tell the Truth.

A Correspondent of the "Day Star," writes as follows:—Lately, after dining with a friend, the conversation turned upon the importance and value of truth, especially as manifested in the character of the young. My attention had been attracted by two portraits of my worthy host's only children, both of whom were away at school. Looking towards one of them, the likeness of the eldest, whose highly-interesting countenance beamed with heavenly light, he said, 'That child has the most sacred regard for truth, and deeply abhors the slightest violation of that holy principle. Her little brother at school, influenced by his older companions, had been induced to try to smoke a cigar; and this coming to the knowledge of the Principal, he had told an untruth to hide his offence. You shall hear how grieved his loving sister was when she was informed of what had taken place,' and he produced a letter which the dear child had written from her far-off temporary home. It breathed such a pure Christian spirit, and that too in one so young, that it affected me deeply; and I asked permission to be favoured with it, and to give it to the world in the prayerful hope that its truths might make a lasting impression on the minds of those of similar age as the dear brother to whom it was addressed.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I was deeply pained, my dearest Johnnie, to hear from dear mamma this morning of your sad departure from truth, that principle which is the brightest gem in the character of a true Christian, the losing of which endangers the hope of the Christian's crown of glory. 'The Lord abhorreth all lying lips.' Again, we see the awful judgment on Ananias and Sapphira; read attentively the 5th chapter of Acts. What could induce you to prevaricate about the cigar? Would it not have been much better and easier, dear child, at once to confess the truth? Oh! how could you thus offend the Holy Spirit of God? The fault of smoking was bad enough, but in itself was as nothing compared to your having covered it with a base lie. Oh, Johnnie, we never can sufficiently value and estimate truth. Without it, believe me, every other accomplishment, every other amiable disposition, will be as nothing, and will avail but little in the eyes of the Almighty on the last awful day when we must give an account of 'the deeds done in the body.' I fear for you much; you are easily led; you ought to be grateful to the young gentleman who thus kindly reminds you of your duty, and still more to your tried friend Mr. D—, and thank God for the privileges you enjoy; the greater they are the greater assuredly will be your responsibility. Do not excuse yourself by saying, 'I am too young yet, surely I need not begin to think seriously so soon?' Believe me you are never too young to seek after the 'one thing needful,' and 'to set your affections on things above,' 'to renounce *the world, the flesh, and the devil.*' Our blessed Saviour himself has graciously said, that 'those who come unto Him he will in no wise cast out;' and again, 'those that seek me early shall find me;' and again, 'remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' Oh when you read of these precious promises, can you doubt the Saviour's love? Can you hesitate to seek him now in the morning of life, in the seed time of youth? No! methinks that heart must be hard indeed that can resist such promises, such gracious invitations! Do think how you distress papa and mamma, when they hear of your habits of carelessness and thoughtlessness. I do not say a habit of prevarication, though I much fear

this is not the first time you have been guilty of this sin. Remember that the Bible contains threats against the wilfully disobedient, as well as glorious promises to the faithful. 'All that have their portion in the lake, which burneth, forever!' (I do not just now recollect the exact words, along with many others equally terrible, which at this moment I cannot recal to mind.) Let this be the last time you ever commit this great sin; try to regain by every act of honesty and uprightness the confidence of Mr. D—, which I fear you have forfeited; it may be long before you succeed, but do not be dispirited, let your sorrow be 'that godly sorrow which worketh repentance;' but remember, dear one, you cannot do that of yourself—far would it be from me to wish you to try. No; pray often, pray fervently, 'pray without ceasing,' is our Saviour's own command; let nothing ever prevent you, night and morning, kneeling down and humbly entreating assistance from on high, and I do not hesitate to assure you, you will find that grace you need. Oh I make religion your early, lasting choice, that you may in all the changes and dangers of this mortal life, find a sure protection in high moral principles and a lasting consolation in God's love. As I have often told you, I possess great advantages here; you do not know my tried friend Mrs. B—, nor could I ever tell you how much I love and esteem her, she is so good; so truly pious, that in her I have ever an example, ever a dear and valued friend. I am not very well, but I dare say I shall be soon better again. I must now close my long epistle, and the earnest prayers of your dear sister shall be offered for you. With kindest love, I am your affectionate sister.

C. E. H.

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