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Taking a Firm Stand.

(M. McTavish, in 'Friendly Greetings.')

A number of college students were chatting together one evening, and the talk turned upon the various plans of study that they followed.

'I always look over my back work on Sunday,' said one, whose name was Hunter.

A fair-haired young fellow looked up in surprise at this last remark, but to the others there seemed nothing surprising in it, and another said:

'I keep Sunday for my most difficult sub-

brey Hunter. 'How on earth do you expect to keep up?'

'My father taught me to keep the Lord's Day holy, and that I am determined to do. If I cannot keep up my studies and do that, why, I shall have to drop out, that's all. "But I'll not drop out."'

The resolute manner in which he concluded his little speech won an approving 'Hear, hear!' from two or three of the listeners. But others shook their heads, and Hunter said—

'Well, I'd like to see your marks at examination time.'

'Ay, that's the test,' said another. And

ken cheeks and heavy eyes of the man who addressed him. 'Nothing but one day's rest in seven, and that's what you need. I tell you, Hunter, you can't stand this strain. How late did you study last night?'

'Oh, till somewhere near morning,' said Hunter, wearily.

'With a wet cloth round your head, I suppose,' said Roberts. 'You will kill yourself, man, and then what use will it all be?'

'Oh, I'm tough,' said Hunter, grimly. 'Besides, I tell you, it's now or never with me. My family need my help, and I must not only pass, but pass high, so that I can



ject. I think my brain is clearer than on other days.'

Harry Watson had noticed the look of surprise on the fair-headed lad's face, so he said to him mischievously—

'What subject do you usually study on Sunday, Roberts?'

'I have never even thought of using Sunday for such a purpose,' replied Roberts, in clear manly tones.

The answer brought the eyes of all present upon the speaker, whose fair face flushed, but whose eyes met the others unflinchingly.

'Not study on Sunday!' exclaimed Au-

then they all separated to their duties.

As the term passed on, Roberts' resolution was severely tested.

However, though he sometimes felt discouraged, he really lost nothing even in his class-work, for the total rest and change of thought refreshed his mind so that he returned to his work with renewed zest each week.

'Hallo, Roberts,' called Hunter one Monday as the two met on their way to college, 'you look as fresh as the morning. What do you take to keep you in such fine trim?'

'Nothing but what you might have,' said Roberts, looking pityingly at the sun-

get a place at once.'

Throughout the term Aubrey Hunter kept up by a free use of medicines and stimulants, but once the strain was over, his health gave way like an overstrained bow. He was carried fainting from the examination-room, and instead of being a help to his family, he found himself for a long time a charge upon those whom he hoped to help.

Roberts went up to his examination with a strong body and a clear mind. When the results were published, he stood high in the list, and this enabled him to obtain a most desirable position.

Missionary Conference For Young People.

The dates of the Summer Conferences of the Young People's Missionary Movement are officially announced as follows:—The

Western Conference, at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 17-26; the Southern Conference, at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., July 1-10; and the Northern Conference, at Silver Bay, on Lake George, N.Y., July 22-31.

The Winona gathering will be the first

of these Conferences to be held in the West, though this will be the second year for the Southern Conference and the third for the one at Silver Bay.

The purpose of these conferences is to afford a practical training school for mis-