

"THERE IS NO DANGER." That is one.

"ONLY THIS ONCE." That is another.

"EVERY BODY DOES SO." That is the third.

"BY-AND-BY." That is the fourth.

When tempted from the path of strict rectitude, and "There's no danger" urges you on, say, "Get thee behind me Satan." When tempted to give the Sunday up to pleasure, or to do a little labor in the workshop or in the counting-room, and "Only this once," or "Everybody does so," whispers at your elbow, do not listen for a moment to the dangerous counsel. If the holy spirit has fastened upon your conscience the solemn warnings of a faithful teacher or friend, and brought to mind a tender mother's prayers for your conversion, do not let "By-and-by" steal away your confidence, and, by persuading you to put away serious things, rob you of your life. All four are cheats and liars. They mean to deceive you and cheat your soul of heaven. "Behold!" says God, "now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." He has no promise for "By-and-by."—*Christian at Work.*

WHY SINNERS ARE NOT ALARMED.

A MAN travelling on horseback on a dark evening entered a tavern, requesting entertainment.

"Which way did you come," said the landlord.

"I crossed the bridge from the west."

"That is impossible; for there is no bridge there. I'll take my lantern and show you." The planks on a covered bridge had been removed, while the timbers remained. The bridge was high above a deep and rapid stream. The man's horse had at first refused to go; but the spurs pushed him, and he went over. And now when the man saw that his horse had crossed on one of those timbers, he fainted and fell.

The reason you, O sinner, are not alarmed in regard to your soul is, because you do not see your danger. If you saw it, you would be moved.

THE GREAT CONCERN.

THE Bank of England, on a certain occasion, was thought to be in danger of bankruptcy. The directors were closeted in their rooms for a fortnight.

At length they saw that all was safe. One of them walked out, and met a friend.