

But one evening he came home very tired and said he must have a drink; it was no use, he could not hold out any longer. It had been his custom to send his wife to buy what he wanted, and though much troubled, she had not dared to refuse him or object. This day, however, for some reason he had not the face to order her to buy it, but called one of the children to go. The child was so determined to save her father that, cost what it might, she dared to tell him she *could not do it*.

The father either surprised at the child's courage or having a tinge of conscience, did not get angry, but said, "You have been telling the Bible woman about me, and she has put this notion into your head." "No," said the child, "I have not told on you", but went on to tell what she had learned in Sunday School about the evils of strong drink, and said, I cannot buy and give you what I know is so bad for you. After a little more conversation the father yielded to the child's entreaties not to touch the "bad stuff," and in a short time nature gave him true refreshment in a sound natural sleep.

A little girl who lives near here was put into a certain house to be trained for a *bad life*. The teaching she had received in Sunday School soon led her to see that all was not as it should be and she ran away. Going to the uncle who had put her in that house she told him she could not stay there, and gave her reasons. The uncle was so angry that he made her take off all her clothes and then turned her out of doors for the night. One of the Bible women hearing of the case called upon the grand-mother and pleaded for the child, which ended in a promise from the grand-mother to interfere and save her.

We are often tempted to feel that the Sunday School lessons go "in at one ear and out at the other" of many if not all of the little ones who attend Sunday School. But how little we know, and how true it is that,

"We know not which may thrive,
The late or early sown;
Grace keeps the precious germs alive,
When and wherever sown."

By these and many other tokens God is showing us that His *word* will not return unto Him void, "but it shall