

Happy Days

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THOROUGHNESS.

YOUR school-days are a most important part of your life. You are forming character now—determining, unconsciously to yourself, it may be, what kind of a man or woman you are going to make. By the time you leave school your habits will be pretty well formed, whether bad or good. Not that you cannot change them afterward, but if so, you will have so much to undo that it will be hard work.

There is one habit most necessary to form: it is the habit of thoroughness. We are afraid people nowadays do not make enough of this. They often think more of quantity than of quality—more of learning many lessons, studying many books, than of learning a few thoroughly. The result is that one lesson is hardly learned before another comes along and crowds the first one out of the mind (for the mind can only hold a certain amount), and the two lessons together do harm rather than good. And if this is done day after day, the mind, after a while, rebels, and refuses to work well, the body sympathizes with the mind, and the consequence often is that books have to



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be laid aside entirely that mind and body may rest.

Now, resolve that you will aim not so much at learning a great deal as at learning what you do learn thoroughly. (We are not speaking to lazy scholars, remember.)

We have heard some children (we wish there were more of them) say to their teacher, "Oh! I can learn a great deal longer lesson than that." Or, "I can take another study." Perhaps you can, to recite, but are you sure you can to remember? You are not learning for one day, or two, but for a life-time. Think of this, and try to act upon it. If you are faithful in your lessons, and really anxious to improve, your teachers, we are sure, will help you in the matter.—*Parish Visitor.*

THE PROBLEM.

JAMES and Eva go to school. They both study hard and recite their lessons well. In most of their studies their teacher marks their per cent. close to one hundred. Sometimes they have a hard problem to solve. Then they sit down together, and help one another. They do not give it up because it is hard, but they study until they both understand it perfectly. They both go to Sunday-school, too, and I am glad to say, they study their Bible lessons well.

THE love of heaven makes one heavenly,