

The "Immediate Jewel".—Reputation helps to make character. To be continually telling a boy that he is a bad boy is more likely to make him worse than better. A man who has served out a term in prison for crime finds it hard to show himself trustworthy, because nobody trusts him. Unless he is exceptionally strong of will, reform seems hopeless to him, and he sinks back to the level to which his bad reputation has been depreciating him. As the character of others depends largely upon their reputation, we should be careful how we handle that reputation.

The opposite of rest is not work—it is restlessness.

Archbishop Temple is always made impatient of bores, especially clerical bores. One of the clergy of his diocese, who had pestered him a good deal recently, wrote an inordinately long letter describing a picture which he proposed to put up in the chancel of the church, and asking permission to do so. By the time his grace reached the end of the epistle his patience was quite exhausted, and he replied on a post-card, "Dear Blank—Hang the picture!" The clergyman is still wondering how he ought to regard the reply.

Lady, engaging coachman: "Are you married?" Coachman: "No ma'am. These 'ere scratches were done by a cat."

At a collection lately made at a charity bazaar, a young lady offered the plate to a rich man noted for his stinginess. "I have nothing," was his curt answer. "Then take something," she replied. "You know I am begging for the poor."

A penny will buy twenty times as much nourishments in the shape of oatmeal as in the form of beef.