

Children's Department.

How to Settle the Question.

In a certain Bible-class there was, one Sunday, a discussion as to whether there was, or was not, an actual "ghostly enemy" of our souls, a Satan, "seeking whom he may devour," or whether the numerous temptations to sin arise only from "evil in the abstract."

During the week the leader of that class mentioned this discussion to Doctor A—, one of the best known scholars and college presidents in the union.

"Just let them try running a college for a week," remarked the doctor, with emphasis, "and they will find whether Satan has an actual existence or not."

During the same week the class leader, who had consulted the doctor, happened to mention what he had said to another friend engaged in business.

"I believe him," said the business man, with even more emphasis than the president had used. "Just let any one seriously try resisting Satan in earnest and they'll soon find out there's very little abstraction in the matter. When I was a mere lad," he continued, "soon after I entered on my first place I had an experience I have never forgotten. My early days were days of privation, poverty and hard work, but I was brought up to godliness at home, and to regular attendance on church and Sunday-school, and was received into the church when I was sixteen.

"A great advance it was for me when I got a place with Smith & Co., real estate agents, and proud I was to feel I was really a business man.

"Two days after I began my work with them, I was sent to carry forty dollars in greenbacks to a gentleman about a half a mile from our office. When I left the door of our place I had no more idea of stealing that money, or of being tempted to steal it, then I have of taking your spoons out of the drawer this minute. I carried the money in a parcel in my hand, proud

of having the care of what seemed to me then an immense sum, and intent on nothing but doing my errand as quickly and carefully as possible.

"I had gone half way down the street when some one said to me: "You could take that money and go away with it."

"I stopped and looked round in amazement. No one was near me. "You could get on the train just going out and go off somewhere," continued the voice, and with these words rose up in me all the longing for wandering, for travel ling and change I had felt all my life, and I recognized that this strange voice was not that of a man like myself; but was, as it were, in my mind, but not of it.

"Then began a conflict within me such as I never knew before. A will and influence stronger than my own seemed drawing me to a deed that I hated and despised. I could not find a word to urge against this awful, sudden temptation, drawing, pulling me as a snake draws a rabbit, to temporal and eternal ruin. Such was the confusion and agony of my mind that I turned sick and cold, the sweat stood on my forehead and my knees trembled under me. I have never forgotten the anguish of that moment."

"What did you do?" asked the friend. "I said, 'God help me for Christ's sake,' and ran 'for all I was worth,' as the boys say. I carried my forty dollars safe to its right place, and thankful was I when I put it out of my hands. Often after that time I was sent about the city with much larger sums, but though I had many other temptations, I never had such an experience as that again.

"Tell your boys that if they want to know whether there is a personal Satan or not, to be in earnest in resisting him and prove the truth of the words, 'Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.'" — Parish Visitor.

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Write an answer to your friend's questions; if she had not wanted to know she would not have asked you.

Write in black ink—pale or faded ink has broken off more friendship and love affairs than one would imagine.

Write a short, crisp letter; a concentration of brightness. It will be more appreciated than one long drawn out.

Write as little as possible on the subject of love. Words of love are much better said than written.

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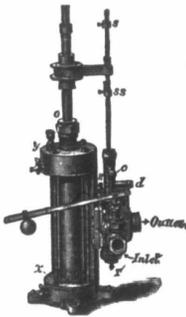
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