

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH."



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The Broken Buckle.

Perhaps our young friends have read of that hero who, when an overwhelming force was in full pursuit, and all his armed followers were urging him to more rapid flight, very coolly dismounted in order to repair a flaw in his horse's harness.

Whilst busied with the broken buckle, the enemy was drawing nearer; but just as they were ready to dash down upon him, the flaw was mended, he mounted his steed and soon had vanished from sight. The broken buckle would have left him on the field a prisoner. Taking time to mend the buckle saved his life.

There is in daily life the same haste, and the same profitable delay. The boy or girl who, from a prayerless waking, bounces off into the

duties of the day, however good the talents, or great the diligence, *is only galloping on a steed harnessed with a broken buckle*, and must not marvel if, in the hottest haste, or most hazardous leap, they

be left inglorious in the dust; and though it may occasion some little delay beforehand, remember it is wise to *set all in order before the march begins.*—DR. HAMILTON.



Joy.

IN Nehemiah's day this sentence was written: "The joy of the Lord is your strength." On eight different occasions we are told that "they rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with

great joy; the wives also and the children rejoiced." Dear children, think of the "joy" we have in Jesus! In Him are joys which will go on getting brighter, until we hear our Saviour saying, "Enter thou into the 'joy' of thy Lord."