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**Youthful Profanity,—How can it be Checked?**

How often do we find the axiom true, that one half of the world does not know how the other half lives! In too many instances we must come nearer home even than this. Observation teaches us that half the parents in the Christian world do not know how their children behave. How many a pious, doting father or mother is fostering a profane and wicked son! This is not the consequence of the teaching, but of the neglect of that parent. Not long since, a gentleman very severely reprimanded the teacher of his son for injuring his reputation, by reproving him for profanity in the presence of his mates. Upon appraising to those mates, the unanimous response was, that the son was the most profane boy among them. Had that father been faithful with his son, had he manifested for him a deep and anxious solicitude, had he watched over him like a tender plant and nipped in the bud the first shoots of ungodliness and sin, he could not have been ignorant of his son's depravity.

The writer of this article has under his care, as an instructor, about a hun-

dered boys who reside in one of the finest cities of New England. Of these boys, ninety per cent. attend the different Sunday-schools of the city. The teacher had occasion some time since, to make some investigations respecting the prevalence of profanity in the school. To his utter astonishment *nine-tenths* of the boys were addicted to this degrading habit! Many of these boys were the children of professing Christians,—some of officers in the church. Is it so in other cities in New England! If so what might we expect from those portions of our land, where there are no Sunday-schools, and where the gospel is very seldom preached? But what can be done for these, who will very soon constitute the very frame work of our Society? Parents and teachers must be more effectually aroused, that they may more deeply realize their responsibility as educators of the immortal spirit.

In the case alluded to above, it became evident that something must be done immediately. The nature of the vice was explained; and its folly, its vulgarity and its enormity, fully illustrated. It was then proposed to adopt some plan by which it might be re-