

"So have I," said Mr. Trumbull, "and a very honourable person broke it."

"A very honourable person!" That made Charley feel very comfortable. And then the teacher told all the boys how Charley had come himself to tell about it. He spoke in high terms of him as a boy to be trusted, and of the honour he had gained in this way. Then he showed how different it would have been, if he had denied it and told a lie to hide it. He would have been found out sooner or later, then he would have been covered with shame and disgrace.

"Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips." We should use this prayer, in the first place, because of the disgrace which attends lying; and in the second place, because of the sinful stain it leaves upon the soul.

THE ELDER'S DREAM.

It is related that an old Scotch elder had once a serious dispute with his minister at an elders' meeting. He said some hard things, and almost broke the minister's heart. Afterwards he went home, and the minister went home too. The next morning the elder came down, and his wife said to him:

"Ye look sad, John; what is the matter with ye?"

"Ah!" he replied, you would look sad too if you had such a dream as I have. I dreamed I had been at the elders' meeting, and had said some hard things, and grieved the minister; and when he went home I thought he died, and went to heaven; and I thought afterwards I died too, and went to heaven; and when I got to the gates of heaven, out came the minister, and put out his hand to take me, saying, 'Come along, John, there's nae strife up here—I'm happy to see ye.'"

The elder went to his minister directly to beg his pardon, and found he was dead. The elder was so stricken with the blow, that two weeks after he also departed.