each were quickly traversed. Here they met merry parties with their boat-laden guides, taking the lake trip in the reverse direction. The fifth carry was a mere sand hole, steep at either end, and over this the guides dragged their boats, while their younger passengers tried a race up

and down from lake to lake.

"Here's the UpperSt. Regis. It's pretty rough, so cover up well, girls," said Mr. Rainsford. White-caps were tossing over the wind-ruffled lake, but waterproofs were unstrapped and tucked over the girls' What if they did ship tiny seas? All the party knew that their frail, cranky, pointed boats were safe in experienced hands. All were in high spirits except Margery. Someone asked her if she felt ill. On her replying that she did not: "No wonder she's sober," aunt Martha exclaimed in no low tone, to her husband, seen it all before, and yet keeps her brother home.

Margery overheard, and her own com-ment on her aunt's selfishness recurred to

Over the angry lake they flew, past the beautiful camps that dotted island and shore, past gayly filled boats with fluttering flags, passed some sail boats, too, that were making good time in the brisk wind. In through a narrow strait and Spitfire lake was reached.
"See that beautiful camp close to the

shore. What lovely rustic work, and how gay those colored flies are over the tents! And see those people on that lovely porch!"

cried Janie.

"Sit in the middle, please, miss, to trim the boat," said the guide, as the tiny bark tilted dangerously over at Janie's enthusiastic little jump.
"Isn't it just like Venice?" cried Sue

who had never been there.

"Not at all," replied Nat, who had.

The boats were gliding in calmer water now, a long, winding stream, called by the guides a "slow," in which grass grew thick and high, and water lilies showed white upon their dark-hued foliage. In among the grass drifted several boats, their occupants picking lilies, or reading under the shade of big parasols. Now the big red and brown hotel was in sight, on the low shore of the little lake, several cottages and tents near it, and numbers of gayly-dressed people watching several games of tennis that were being played.
"Nearly dinner time," said Nat, rub

bing hard at a big smudge on his sleeve. They were soon at the hotel, and the hungry party enjoyed the good dinner set before them with appetites sharpened by their brisk tramps. It was decided to return home by the way they had come, the other route being less interesting, as

they all agreed.
"And what does Margery say?" uncle

Ned asked his unusually silent niece. "I don't care," she murmured: a most extraordinary state of mind for Margery. Six o'clock saw the travellers safely back. Margery went straight to Dick.

"Dick, dear, I was a selfish thing not to stay home and let you go to-day. I had a horrid time, and it served me right. Don't you think you could go another day? And, Dick—this was uncle Ned's you let your trip be mine?"

"Don't think about it, Margie. But I can't go, for I wired father I'd leave tomorrow. Bert has his vacation next week —I heard to-day—and I promised father I'd take his place."

"O, Dick!" Margery's eyes filled with

She wrote a full account of her day in the little journal she kept, and finished with these words: "One thing I've learned to-day that I won't forget, and that is that, besides being wrong, selfishness does'nt pay."—Churchman.

HOME TEMPERANCE.

What is temperance?

Right living. Upon what is the principle of right liv-

ing based?
The body is the temple of God.
How is the "temple of God" defiled? By improper habits, or food or drink

by improper desires that rule the body. That is a broad definition of temper

Not broader than that given by the Bible and science.

Has the word changed its meaning in hese later years?

Yes; temperance used to mean not in temperate—that is not drunken.

What is the specific meaning as applied to the reform of to-day?

The not using alcohol in any of its forms as food or drink. What, then, is the cause of intemper-

More frequently ignorance of the danger that must necessarily follow drinking intoxicating liquor.

How do you explain that ?

A child seeing wine upon the father's table, not being taught anything about it, would attach no more harm to its use than drinking a glass of water.

What is the remedy for intemperance Knowledge. There must first be an arrest of thought, then intelligent study of the effects of alcohol and the consequent danger in its use.

To insure the best result, where must this knowledge be obtained?

In the home.

How early should a mother understand the law of temperance as written upon the

She should understand it before she asumes the duties and privileges of mother-

If the mother uses wine or alcohol tonics may the appetite be transmitted?

Yes; the appetite physically, and the weak will mentally, if she knows she ought

Would you advise all mothers to study the effects of alcohol, or will a moral resolution not to use it herself be sufficient?

Knowledge is power, and she should have the proof of what she believes.

How can the necessary knowledge be nost easily obtained?

By a study of physiology and hygiene as taught in the public school text-books.— The Household.

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

BY MRS. M. A. E. CALEF.

Never were those words from "Holy Writ" so impressed upon my mind as when listening to our "silver-tongued orator," Wendell Phillips, a short time before his death. A band of reformed men had gathered one evening in the old Bethel church in Boston, to listen to words of encouragement from several gentlemen. The audience was composed mostly of the lower class of working men and women, -those who were trying to live better lives and become temperate.

After speaking as none other could speak

to such an audience, he paused, and in lowered, impressive tones, asked to be pardoned for an incident in his own life, he wished to relate as a note of warning to those of his hearers who might be tempted, as he had been, to neglect to speak to a brother-man he might possibly save. Said Mr. Phillips: "When I was a young man, which would have been in the early part of this century, I was with a friend with whom I had had a business talk sitting under a piazza in Charlestown. As we were in conversation, I thought I noticed a smell of liquor, and felt sure that it came from the breath of the young man at my side. My first impulse was to speak to him, for although all, or nearly all, at that time drank more or less, I had decided fully that it was an evil, and that young people especially should not drink intoxicating liquors. My second thought was that it would do no good to speak to Seventeen years him, and so I left him. after that.' said Mr. Phillips, "I called to give a temperance lecture in a small town about thirty miles out from Boston, for I had then become deeply interested in the work of trying to reform men, and if possible save the youth. After delivering my lecture to a large and attentive audience, and as the people were leaving the church, I noticed a man pressing his way up to the place where I was standing talking with others who had waited to speak with me. As he came nearer, the poor man in his worn, soiled garments, took me by the hand and, in tones of reproof I can never forget, said to me, "Wendell, Wendell, why didn't you say to me seventeen years ago what you have said here to-night; and you could have saved me. Now it is too late for you or

gravo! Oh, Wendell, I am too far gone!" rapid calculation of small sums. It will be "Those terrible words," said Mr. Phillips sent for four new subscriptions to the "caused me to decide, then and there, that another chance to speak to one whose breath gave signs of strong drink should never be neglected, for the poor man before me was none other than the young man who years before sat beside me on the piazza. My vow then made has never been broken. And now, dear reformed brothers," said he to those before him, "take warning from bitter experience, and never pass any one who needs a word of kindly warning or gentle reproof or brotherly help. You may have power to save them !"-Union Signal.

A LIFE SERMON.

A missionary in India was so feeble mentally that he could not learn the lan-After some years, he asked to be guage. recalled, frankly saying that he had not sufficient intellect for the work. A dozen missionaries, however, petitioned his board not to grant his request, saying that his goodness gave him a wider influence among the heathen than any other missionary at the station. A convert, when asked, "What is it to be a Christian?" replied, "It is to be like Mr. naming the good missionary. He was kept in India. He never preached a ser-mon; but when he died hundreds of heathen, as well as many Christians, mourned him and testified to his holy life and character.-Northern Christian Advo-

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HOW OUR WORKERS MAY SECURE THEM.

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