

should have been noticed and recommended to a good place? Thirty dollars a month and board were, to the lad, a small fortune. He was not then aware that thorough work inevitably tells its own story everywhere, and that integrity, industry, and perseverance, by the immutable laws of God, will win a way for the humblest of His creatures. A few days later, William went to his new place. For three weeks he was instructed in his duties by a man hired for the purpose. At the end of that time he was left with the care of a team of fine horses, and a pony belonging to the only son of his employer.

One evening, as the owner drove into the stable, William inquired if he would kindly tell him where he could find some books about horses.

"I have some in my library," the gentleman replied. "What do you think of doing?"

"Why, you see, sir, I want to find out all I can about them. If a horse gets sick, it would be rather awkward not to know what to do till we could get a doctor here."

"You are right, William," was the appreciative answer. "I will give you what you want to-night. I see you have some good school-books here. I am afraid you don't find much time to study."

"Oh, half an hour here, and ten minutes there tell, sir," William replied. Then this is only play after the dock work I had to do. And just think, the horses know me; and everybody is so good to me it does seem just like home."

And so, day after day, the lad worked and studied. With a little help from his employer's son, he made rapid strides in arithmetic and

grammar, while in geography he was far in advance of his teacher. The books relating to the special subject were eagerly read, and at last the boy's employer found that he was not only learning how to take the best care of well horses, and perfectly treat sick ones, but he was studying their anatomy and physiology, and in this way educating himself to be an authority on the subject.

During the progress of these studies William was asked to give his opinion on the merits of a horse which a neighbor talked of purchasing. The young man looked the animal over, and said with his usual frankness, though the owner stood by, "He's bound to be short-winded, sir, with that build," and then, by a careful examination of other points, proved such a marvellous discrepancy between the real age of the beast and the number of years mentioned by the owner that the negotiations were immediately ended.

In such ways did this lad progress. At the age of 20 he was sent west to purchase horses. He was known to be absolutely trustworthy and incorruptible. Advised by the man who had taken such an interest in his welfare, he placed a proper value on his services, and his future was secured.

William Gray is now one of the wealthiest and one of the most respected men in this great country, and certainly no career could have had a more difficult and a more humble beginning. It is true that such success is exceptional, but it is also true that the lad who works with his heart and his head for the interest of his employer, who would prefer to give an extra hour's time than to shirk a minute, and who in-